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# Ulster Protestants Call a Cease-Fire of Their Own

New York Times Service

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Republican Army by declaring their own cease-fire. The amount mainer Jean Embe. The Protestant terrorist groups pledged to "universally cease all operational hostilities" as of midnight Thursday. male from harrymaghads to de-The duration of the cease-fire, a communiqué said, will I samily the cheetah wasn't some be "completely dependent" upon how long the IRA

Cease-fire lasts.

The step was a further breakthrough in steps to end the sectarism warsare that has wracked the province for 25

paramilitaries on both sides of the religious divide have said they were stopping fighting, not for short-term tactical reasons but to bring about negotiations and a democratic solution.

It does not, however, mean that peace is guaranteed. That would come only with a final settlement, and one has yet to be proposed that would square the desires of 950,000 Protestants, almost all of whom want to remain part of Britain, with those of 650,000 Catholics, many of

whom yearn for union with Ireland. Thursday's announcement was greeted warmly by most politicians on both sides of the lines Sea,

Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland saw it as the dawn of a new era." John Hume, a Catholic politi-It means that for the first time, the heavily-armed cian from Northern Ireland who played an important

role in getting the peace initiative off the ground, was equally enthusiastic about "a very good day for the people of Northern Ireland."

But Prime Minister John Major of Britain tinged his favorable comments, in which he called the cease-fire "unalloyed good news," with supreme caution. "We must analyze it and consider it and then carefully decide with realism what is the way forward," he said.

The British government has not yet fully accepted as genuine the Sept. I cease-fire by the IRA because it is not satisfied that the cease-fire is permanent, Until such a proclamation is made, Mr. Major says, the clock will not start ticking to count off a good-faith period of up to

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By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

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> Underlining the soldier's dual American and Israeli citizenship, U.S. officials led by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher phoned Mr. Arafat several times and warned him that he was responsible for ending the crisis since he was in charge of

the autonomous Gaza Strip. The United States thus gave full support to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who insists despite denials from the Palestinian the parties of the Allendar leadership that the abducted serviceman, Corporal Nahshon Waxman, 20, is being held somewhere in Gaza by armed radicals

of the Hamas Islamic group.

With American backing, Mr. Rabin also has broken off peace talks with Mr. Ara-fat's Palestine Liberation Organization and has implied these saidle. and has implied that existing agreements could be suspended if Corporal Waxman

was killed. Reacting to the pressure, the Palestinian police under Mr. Arafat's control raided nouses overnight across the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip and arrested some 200 Hamas militants, including some said to be a series of the coastal strip are the coastal stri including some said to belong to the

group's armed wing.
But Islamic leaders openly defied the
PLO, accusing it in leaflets of doing Israel's "dirty work" and renewing its threat to kill the soldier after its deadline of 9 P.M.

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## **Kohl Makes Plea** For Big Turnout

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Chancellor Helmut Kohl, making his final campaign speech in Western Germany be-fore Sunday's general election, urged his supporters on Thursday not to waste a

single vote.
"We need every vote," he said at a rally here. "We in the Christian Democratic Union have no votes to give away and none to lose."

The CDU was cautiously optimistic at the end of the campaign as party strategists hoped for a strong turnout by sup-porters to secure a fourth four-year term for Mr. Kohl's center-right coalition.

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PANAMA BOUND - Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras, with his family at the Port-au-Prince airport on Thursday, on his way into exile. Page 3.

## Japanese Writer Is Awarded Nobel Prize

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - The Swedish Academy announced Thursday that Kenzaburo Oe, a Japanese intellectual known for his powerful accounts of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and his struggle to come to terms with a mentally handicapped son, has been awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Mr. Oe, 59, is just the second Japanese writer to have received the coveted award, which was announced in Stockholm. He follows Yasımarı Kawabata, who received the honor in

1968. But while Mr. Kawabata generally explored traditional Japanese themes with a delicate writing style, Mr. Oe has written politically charged tales filled with a sense of anger and betrayal, like the post-war generation he has come to represent. Mr. Oe came of age under the American occupation after

Japan's shattering defeat in World War II and was recognized as a leading writer while still a university student in the late 1950s. While some authors found nothing but despair in those bleak days, Mr. Oe's leftist political essays, short stories and lyrically written novels revolve around what critics generally describe as a core of hope and courage mixed with bitter humor.

In perhaps his most famous novel, "A Personal Matter," written in 1964, the protaganist plots the murder of his infant son, who is born with severe brain damage, but finally realizes he must take responsibility for the child and embraces him. The influences on Mr. Oe's complex art range from Jean-Paul Sartre to Huckleberry Finn.

The Swedish Academy noted the "poetic force" of Mr. Oe's works, saying he "creates an imagined world where life and myth

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# Iraq Offers to Drop Its Claim on Kuwait

## Moscow-Baghdad Deal Envisions End to UN Sanctions in 6 Months

BAGHDAD - Saddam Hussein offered Thursday to recognize Kuwait as a sovereign state if the United Nations promised to ease its embargo after six

The offer came in a joint Iraqi-Russian statement issued after a meeting here between Mr. Saddam and Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev of Russia.

There was no immediate official reaction from the United States, which in a week has dispatched tens of thousands of troops and scores of warplanes to Kuwait to counter an Iraqi military buildup near

the border with Kuwait. But CNN reported from Washington and the United Nations that the first reaction was extremely skeptical.

"Iraq has a whole host of resolutions to comply with," a U.S. official said. "It cannot choose à la carte what it wants to comply with."

There was also another complication Thursday evening as U.S. intelligence detected that three Iraqi combat brigades had halted their withdrawal from near the Kuwaiti border. As much as one of two Iraqi divisions stopped about 150 kilometers (100 miles) northwest, and tanks dug in in defensive battle positions, U.S. defense officials said.

The Russian-Iraqi statement said, "Iraq confirms its readiness to solve the issue of recognizing Kuwait's sovereignty and borders as decreed by Security Council Resolution \$33 in a position recommend."

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"Russia will support following Iraq's formal recognition of Kuwait the specifying of the formal start of the formal operation of the long-term monitoring system according to Security Council Resolution 715," it said.

Washington has said in the past that sanctions would not be lifted until Iraq complied with resolutions on Kuwait's borders as well as resolutions on Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction, threat of minorities, support of terrorism and

reparations for the Gulf War.

The United States is likely to view this latest gambit as an effort to drive a wedge between it and Britain, both of which have taken a hard line against Iraq, and also between the United States and France, China and Russia, which have been more interested in seeing sanctions removed.

Some U.S. experts argue that Mr. Saddam will never keep his promises and that even after sanctions are lifted his behavior will be threatening to his neighbors and the United States.

Mr. Kozyrev was in Baghdad to try to work out an agreement to defuse tension between Iraq and the West. Mr. Saddam's offer echoed a similar statement made by his ambassador to the United Nations on

Russia said it would support a six-month test period for the UN system in-See GULF, Page 10

## **Swiss Find** Remains of **Sect Leader**

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service GENEVA - One week after 48 members of a doomsday sect were found dead in two Swiss villages, investigators said Thursday that they had identified the group's spiritual leader among the victims, reinforcing first impressions that he may have organized a ritualistic collective sui-

Only 24 hours earlier, the police said they were still hunting for Luc Jouret, who founded the Solar Tradition in 1984, on suspicion of premeditated homicide and arson. The police had also issued an arrest warrant Friday for Dr. Jouret's chief associate, Joseph di Mambro, but his body was found Sunday.

Now, with the identification of Dr. Jouret's body, investigators have had to abandon the idea that he arranged the deaths to appear like suicide in order to flee with the sect's considerable funds. Rather, Dr. Jouret, a 46year-old Belgian homeopathic physician, appears to have believed his own preachings that the end of the world was near.

This view has been reinforced by documents sent anonymously to many newspapers in which the group's decision to die was explained in lengthy, esoteric terms. One document, entitled "Transit for the Future," said the earth would soon suffer the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The documents were mailed a few hours after the bodies were found, on Oct. 5, but a lawyer for a young sect member, Patrick Vuarnet, said Thurs day that on the previous day Mr. di Mambro gave Mr. Vuarnet a batch of sealed and addressed envelopes to mail. They included an envelope in which the passports of Mr. di Mambro and his wife were sent to France's interior minister, Charles Pasqua.

Reinforcing the notion that everything was carefully planned, the bodies of five people linked to the sect were found last week in a burned-out house owned by Mr. di Mambro in Morin Heights, Quebec. The police now believe that three of these victims were murdered by a man whose body

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want to avoid becoming dependent on any

major economic power or region. Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior min-

ister, said that if Europe added its economic weight to that of Japan and the United

States, East Asia would have more free-

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## East Asians Scold Europe For Incredible Arrogance'

By Michael Richardson ional Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - Europe should put aside "arrogant" attitudes and fear of a competitive challenge from East Asia, the region's leaders said Thursday.

Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia said that most of Europe still had to get rid of an attitude that "some will call incredible arrogance."

"The age of hegemony has not yet quite passed," he said. "It should die away. We should bury it."

Mr. Mahathir made his comments at a meeting of top officials and business executives from Asia and Europe. And despite some harsh rhetoric, East Asian leaders urged Europe to take advantage of the region's surging economic growth by increasing trade and investment.

While countries in the European Union have substantially increased trade with East Asia in recent years, they have lagged in investment, giving Japan and the United States a dominant position. This worries many Asian leaders, who

Americans and Japanese, there isn't the same comfort as when you have three maior sources of capital, technology, exper-

tise and markets. Noting that the World Bank had estimated that half the growth in the global economy in the next six years would come from East Asia alone, the European Commission recently called on policy-makers and businesses in Europe to give Asia a far higher emphasis and tap its booming mar-

EU exports to Asia reached 93 billion European Currency Units (\$75 billion) in 1993, from 15 billion Ecus in 1980.

But the Union's relative share of foreign direct investment in the region declined

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## Americans Are Eating More Broccoli (Now, Did You Know That?) By Steven A. Holmes New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As a people, Americans are living longer, smoking less, spending more money on books, newspapers and magazines. Fewer of them are owning guns, and they are less likely to get a divorce and more likely to belong to a church. They are even

eating more broccoli. These are some of the highlights of the 1994 Statistical Abstract of the United States, a potpourri of factoids compiled by the Census Bureau. The report, published annually since 1878, provides a snapshot of changes in American life during 20 or 30 years or

Coming in a political season in which candidates of both the left and the right are focusing on America's shortcomings, it is a portrait of a nation that is remarkably healthy.

"You look around and look through the Abstract electorate in a time of relative peace and prosperity, and see what we own, what we've purchased, the size of our houses — on those issues there is clear and steady progress," said Ben J. Wattenberg, whose book, "The Good News Is the Bad News Is Wrong," asserts that the nation is in relatively good shape. "The idea that everything stinks, and the country is stagnant or in decline, is mostly bunk."

While many of the thousands of tables contained in the report present an overall rosy picture of the United States, others depict significant problems and a marked polarization between the comfortable lives of most people and the despair of those at the bottom.

Violent crime rates have remained steadily high, and the number of children born out of wedlock has increased by more than 200 percent from 1970 to 1991. Moreover, in what some economists and politicians say accounts in part for the sullen mood of the

average hourly carnings and average weekly carnings as measured in constant 1982 dollars declined from 1980 to 1993.

But on some of the most basic measures of wellbeing, the news is good. The report indicates that Americans born in 1992 will have an average life expectancy of 75.7 years, up

from 70.8 years for those born in 1970. And infant mortality dropped to 8.5 per 1,000 live births in 1992, from 20 per 1,000 live births in 1970.

Per capita income measured in constant 1987 dollars increased to \$16,366 in 1993 from \$13,922 in 1980.

same period when inflation is taken into consider-The report also depicts a nation whose level of educational attainment is higher than it has ever been;

and disposable income rose by nearly \$2,300 in that

21.9 percent of Americans had completed four years of college in 1993, compared with 7.7 percent in 1960.

Perhaps as a result of the increasing level of education, the report indicates that the movement toward a less destructive lifestyle has taken hold. In 1974, for example, about half of those 12 to 17 years of age said they had tried eigarettes and alcohol. By 1992, those in the same age group who said they had tried smoking had dropped to 33.7 percent, while those saying they had sampled alcohol had declined to 39.3 percent.

Similarly, the Abstract indicates that Americans' consumption of red meat and eggs - two foods associated with stroke and heart disease - decreased

markedly from 1970 to 1992. Even broccoli, which nutritionists have long praised and former President George Bush has disparaged,

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By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

BERLIN - Germany's environmentalist Green Party, which has languished for years on the fringes of power, is riding a wave of success, and its leaders hope to become king-makers in Bonn after Sunday's elections.

For years the Greens relished their role as the joker in German politics, provocative and entertaining but rarely taken seriously. They believed there was something inherently immoral in seeking or holding power. But the shape of German

politics has changed with the end of the Cold War, and the Greens have also changed. Their new leaders are not only more moderate than a decade ago, but unabashedly hungry for power.

Voters have responded favorably to the Greens' new pragmatism. Polls suggest that the party will emerge from Sunday's election as Germany's third strongest political force. There is even a chance that

the Greens could enter a governing coalition in Bonn for the first time. If they and the Social Democrats together win a majority of parliamentary seats on Sunday, unlikely but not impossible, they could form a "red-green" government that would mark a sharp break from the conservative 12-year rule of Chancellor Helmut Kohl. But even if the Greens fail to

reach that goal, Sunday's election will almost certainly make them a more important factor in German politics than before. At their most recent conven-

tion, the Greens reaffirmed their support for strong environmental laws and women's rights. But they also clung to some of the radical foreign policy positions that have cost them votes, calling for sharp cuts in in the West, and members from

By Craig R. Whitney

New York Times Service

German government and opposition

parties have attacked the American-

based Scientology movement as a dan-

ger to democracy, and called on the next

man states last spring called Scientology

"an organization that combines ele-

ments of business crime and psychologi-

cal terror against its own members with

economic activities and sectarian traits,

under the protective cover of a religious

On Tuesday, Renate Rennebach, a member of Parliament from the opposi-

tion Social Democratic Party, asserted that Scientology was not a religion but a

conspiratorial movement with global

"At present Scientology is misusing

international concern about right-wing

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government to ban it.

political aims.

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the party's elected officials to

of the state government in Hes-

He has a credible record in

minister, a post he still holds.

Hesse, and at least some of

those who scorned him and his

comrades a decade ago can now

imagine him as a senior official

Scientology is not a church or a reli-

gious organization," Mr. Bluem said.
"Scientology is a machine for manipu-

Asserting that the movement's real

aims were political and transcended na-

tional boundaries, Mrs. Rennebach, her

party's spokesman on sects, said the new

German federal government that will be

elected on Sunday should put the group

bers in Germany alone, Scientology has

it first came here in 1970. It has been the

focus of at least six books denouncing it

for defrauding adherents of their sav-

ings, threatening opponents with vio-

With an estimated two million mem-

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under surveillance.

Two cows, very likely supporters of the Green Party, find nourishment in consuming a Helmut Kohl poster in Germany.

man participation in United Nations peacekeeping missions.

The party's top leaders, how-ever, say they reject those posi-"People know that our conventions are a bit nutty," said

Antje Vollmer, a party leader. "Things will be different if we become responsible for helping to govern the country." The Greens have a reputation for incessant internal bickering.

Now that its moderate leaders have defeated the radicals, the party is facing a new split, this time between the eastern and Most of the party's support is Struggle. western parts of Germany.

Despite this split, party leaders sense the potential for a breakthrough Sunday. The par-'s best-known figure, Joshka Fischer has been crisscrossing the country appealing for votes.

The 46-year-old Mr. Fischer urges Germans to reject Mr. Kohl. whom he calls "a man of the past." He also pledges environmental reform and appeals for racial tolerance.

Mr. Fischer's history reflects that of his party. He is a former taxi driver who two decades ago was a member of a radical

He served in Parliament in speed limit.

radical attacks in the Federal Republic neo-Nazi parties that it maintained had

Scientology Movement Assailed by German Leaders

to cause serious damage to the reputa- inspired the attacks.

tion of the country abroad, with an ad-

vertising campaign in influential American newspapers," Mrs. Rennebach said.

Full-page advertisements paid for by the British-based International Associa-

tion of Scientologists appeared in The New York Times and The Washington

Post last month. The advertisements re-

counted the rise of militant, right-wing

violence against foreign asylum-seekers

and immigrants in Germany since unifi-

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Labor Minister Norbert Bluem de-

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Mr. Fischer has asserted that the Greens will enter a coalition has given him a political base, to sell dollars, the central bank with the Social Democrats only however, has earned him the managed Thursday to push the if the Social Democrats agree to scorn of many in his own party. ruble dramatically back up, 'I have to live with the fact,' close Germany's nuclear power plants and impose a highway the Greens think I'm a jerk."

Ursula Cabertha, who heads a depart-

ment of the Hamburg state Ministry of

the Interior that is devoted exclusively

to dealing with complaints about Scien-

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to outlaw the movement here and said

the Hamburg authorities would pursue

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Klaus Buchele, from the group's office

said the document, signed by

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"Scientology is by far the most dan-

Scientologist documents made avail-

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aroused considerable controversy since ny," which complained of bomb threats

## Ruble Crash Renews Fear

## For Reform

By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service

In Russia

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin and his Russian compatriots are looking everywhere for scapegoats in this week's ruble crash, from the hapless acting finance minister to Western saboteurs.

But the currency's plunge and subsequent partial recovery Thursday have reopened a more fundamental question than who will get the sack next. The week's turbulence has raised doubts once again about whether the transition from communism to a free market can be gradual and relatively painless, as Mr. Yeltsin and his government have hoped for most of the past year.

The events also have highghted the great uncertainty in Russia's future: whether such undeniably positive trends as awakening entrepreneurship and personal initiative can out-

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run such negative ones as buimpossible without the sapling democracy and free market put down strong enough roots quickly enough, that is, to withstand the winds of nationalist dictatorship?

etter world."

By changing rules on the exThe same moderation that change market and intervening with its value rising from about he shrugged, "that 85 percent of 3,700 to about 3,000 to the dollar. But traders said they expect the ruble to slowly lose value beginning Friday or next week. The central bank's dollar reserves have fallen from an estimated \$7 billion this summer to \$2.45 billion on Oct. 1 to \$1.8 billion on Thursday, limiting its future maneuverability.

Despite the gloom of this week's instability, many observers remain optimistic. Russia has changed irreversibly in the past three years, with thousands of new, private businesses and millions of private-sector workers who do not want a return to the past. Foreign investors are looking to Russia as the next great emerging market.

Within a "confusing and rapidly evolving dynamic, often inscrutable from the outside," the U.S. ambassador, Thomas R. Pickering, said this week, there are "clear elements of order, of progress and of hope for the

paign against the Jewish people in 1935," said the document signed by Still, the fall of the ruble this week brought a cold shower of reality to the government's frequent boasts of having turned a corner in reform.

The government and Parliament, which have done little actively to promote reform this year, both began searching for villains. The Communist Party chief, Gennady Zyuganov, fingered "alien, nonnational capital," while Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, spoke of a "financial coup" by Communist-financed banks aiming "to remove the presi-

dent and halt market reforms." While speculation and central bank mistakes played a part, many economists agreed that the ruble's fall from 2,000 to the dollar in July to a low of 3,926 on "Black Tuesday" reflected more fundamental problems - in particular, the difficulty of nurturing a private sector in an environment that

the Soviet command economy. In essence, the ruble is falling On the British side cars drive because Russia keeps printing aboard double-decker train carnoney to prop up the ineffinages. Once the cars are loaded cient economy it inherited. And

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## WORLD BRIEFS

## Sri Lanka Talks Held in Tamil Town

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka (Reuters) — Government and Tamil negotiators on Thursday held their first peace talks in this Tamil

Previous talks about ending the 11-year civil war, in which more than 30,000 people have been killed, were held either in the Sci Lankan capital of Colombo or in neighboring India.

We discussed how to overcome economic problems and open a land route to transport food and other essentials to the Jaffna Peninsula," Karikalan, a leader of the Tamil rebel delegation, told reporters during a break in the meeting.

#### 66 Killed in Crash of Iranian Plane

NICOSIA (AP) — An Iranian plane crashed in the mountains of central Iran, killing all 66 people on board, Tehran radio eported Thursday.

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The Asseman Airlines plane was en route to Tehran when it disappeared shortly after takeoff from Isfahan late Wednesday. Tehran radio, monitored in Cyprus, said searchers found the wreckage of the Fokker F-28 1000 Thursday in the Karkas mountains near Natanz, 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Isla-

### **Tokyo Paper Cites Illegal Donations**

TOKYO (Reuters) — Forty-six members of Japan's Parliament took illegal donations from the construction industry during elections in July 1993, a newspaper reported on Thursday.

Asahi Shimbun, in its lead story, said 46 legislators, including Transportation Minister Shizuka Kamei and a top opposition

figure, Ichiro Ozawa, violated laws that forbid politicians to receive campaign funds from companies with government contracts. Most of the legislators contacted by the newspaper attributed the problem to bookkeeping errors or lack of awareness that the donations in question were illegal.

The newspaper said campaign-fund documents revealed that 100 companies that were engaged in government business gave a total of 62 million yen (\$620,000) to the 46 politicians. Its list of alleged violators included many of the leading lights of the power-sharing Liberal Democratic Party and a handful of figures from conservative opposition groups.

#### Aid Flights to Sarajevo Begin Again

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Relief flights to Sarajevo resumed Thursday after having been called off Wednesday for the second time in a week because planes had been hit by gunfire. Heavy fighting was reported on several fronts, however.

The airlift supplies about 80 percent of the aid reaching Sarajevo, where officials are worried about dwindling food stocks as the city prepares for a third winter under Serbian siege. Five planes were scheduled to land Thursday, said Peter Kessler, a United Nations aid official in Zagreb, Croatia.

Kris Janowski, a UN aid spokesman in Sarajevo, said efforts would be made to bring in 900 tons of food overland in the next several days to help offset losses caused by the airlift disruptions.

#### Russians Fire Warning Shots at Ship OSLO (Reuters) - A Russian military aircraft fired warning

shots at a Norwegian trawler that apparently came too close to a Russian naval exercise in Arctic waters, Norwegian officials said Bernt Aasboe, a shipowner, said the crew of the Staalbjoern

told him the shots hit the water 50 meters in front of the bow in the incident on Wednesday off the Russian naval base of Murmansk. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Norway was investigating and might seek an explanation from Russia. "As far as we know, this fishing boat went into a Russian zone legally," he said.

#### Skinhead Jailed in Buchenwald Riot

WEIMAR, Germany (Renters) - A court here on Thursday jailed a skinhead for 20 months and gave two others suspended sentences of 6 and 15 months each for rampaging through the former Buchenwald death camp. The three were among eight skinheads tried for chanting Nazi

slogans, throwing stones and threatening to burn a supervisor to death at the Buchenwald memorial site on July 23. Three of the others were warned and sent to a youth remand

center for four weeks and two were acquitted. They had all been charged with a breach of the peace, threatening life, causing bodily harm and using banned Nazi symbols and slogans.

#### A Foretaste of Italian General Strike

ROME (AP) - Italian journalists began a 24-bour walkout Thursday, the first step in a general strike called by unions to protest Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's economic austerity plan. Unions said that at least 3 million people would take part in demonstrations in 80 cities during the general strike Friday.

The strike by journalists silenced news agencies and most television and radio newscasts and was intended to prevent newspapers from publishing Friday. Mr. Berlusconi's conserva-tive coalition, seeking to control a \$100 billion deficit, has present-ed a budget plan to Parliament that would trim generous pension and welfare benefits.

#### For the Record

A fire broke out at Moscow's Sheremetyevo-2 international airport terminal on Thursday, forcing officials to evacuate the building. There were no injuries, fire fighters said, and the fire was

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

### **SAS Cancels 200 European Flights**

COPENHAGEN (AP) — A second day of wildcat strikes Thursday forced Scandinavian Airlines System to cancel 200 European flights to and from Copenhagen.

SAS intercontinental and domestic flights, and other airlines, were not affected by the strike, which involved check-in personnel at Copenhagen's international airport.

The strikers were demanding the reinstatement of a union spokesman fired Tuesday. An airline spokesman said SAS was ready to take his case to arbitration.

United Airlines is dropping service to eight foreign cities. Losing service on Dec. 1 are Cabo San Lucas and Guadalajara, Mexico; Glasgow; Grand Cayman; Panama City, and Port of Spain, Trinidad. Athens will be dropped Jan. 4, and Geneva Jan. 9. (AP)

The Cambodian government is looking for new investors to renovate the only major hotel serving the country's best-known tourist attraction, the Angkor temple complex, the tourism minister said Thursday. The ministry has repossessed the Grand Hotel d'Angkor in Siem Reap from Thai-owned SK Air, a news release

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# Channel Tunnel: Visionary Idea, but Drab Reality

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ly condemned the attacks against for- such as commercial real estate, in major

By John Darnton
New York Times Service

FOLKESTONE, England -For a project that has stirred the imagination of daydreaming engineers and other armchair visionaries for almost two centuries, the opening of the Channel Tunnel has been something of an anticlimax.

It has happened so gradually that it may be hard for historians to pinpoint the exact moment when Britain became joined, psychologically, to the mainland. Significantly, the mainland is still called "Europe" here, as if Britain were a continent apart, which of course in many ways it is.

The tunnel trip itself, a 35minute journey on a specially designed train, burtling through darkness at 145 kilometers an hour, (90 miles an hour) is unnervingly smooth and uneventful. That is just what Eurotunnel, the outfit that operates the

trains, wants it to be.
"So far, so good," said Judy
Campbell, cautiously. She was

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halfway along the 50-kilometer trip on an exploratory test run. Above her was the metal skin of the train, the prefabricated concrete lining of the tunnel, about 45 meters of chalk marl seabed, and the English Channel. "I was skeptical. I don't like

tunnels, claustrophobia and all that. But this is not too bad." She stood with her husband, Donald, and her daughter, Helen, next to their parked car inside a gray-and-white doubledecker train carriage. The upper section where they

were riding was a little more than two meters in height. It had yellow handrails, a narrow toilet, surveillance cameras, an alarm button, nine small windows, and red electric signs with messages like "arrival soon" in three languages.
"It's just like being in a tube," ventured Helen, 25.

The family got an early glimpse of the future because Mr. Campbell, a project engineer from Essex, invested in the events on the ground, or Eurotunnel and then signed up rather, under the ground.

for one of the many precom-mercial trial runs called "The line-grabbing ribbon-cutting ers and bigwigs for some time.

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low of 250 pence, or about \$4. to watch it glide down the slip The shares were under new and disappear into dry dock. pressure Thursday after reports that the company will miss its There are two separate services, revenue targets and may need to raise more funds in the shortby mid-November. to-medium term, Agence France-Presse reported.)

Fans of the Channel Tunnel can pile on the superlatives. It is Paris in three hours and Lon-ferries. the first link between Britain and mainland Europe since the Ice Age, the largest civil engineering project ever undertaken by private enterprise, the long-est submarine tunnel in the world. But that sense of breathlessness has not carried over to

service for cars and their passengers between Folkestone and Calais. Cars cannot drive through the tunnel. Fares have not yet been an-nounced for the next season, though the price for Eurostar is

But now the tunnel is ready.

One is the passenger service

both expected to be operational

on the high-speed Eurostar line,

running between London and

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expected to be competitive with the airlines and the cost for the cars will be roughly close to what the ferries charge. The Eurostar trains have been plying the tracks between the capitals since August, carrying staff members. The car ser-

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onto specially designed steelribbed railroad cars and then gather in a forward cabin for a quick hot meal, has been up and running since July.

British truck drivers have complained about the high quality of the Continental cuisine, so Eurotunnel is planning to introduce what its public affairs department calls "bad food, consisting of greasy chips and steak and kidney pies."

About 350 trucks a day has moved only partway from choose the train shuttle over the

- five to a carriage - shutters the pressures to do so have descend to separate carriages hardly lessened in the past year, and act as fire barriers. They

The slowdown of reform have doors so that, in theory, a takes a toll in another way, as passenger can wander the well. Enterprises that remain length of the train, though there largely state-owned have built is little incentive to do so.

The good news is that it is over so quickly; a recent trip took 41 minutes one way and 38 minutes the other. The bad news is that one travels the entire trip the absence of a real free martire journey, from the landward ket have little incentive to pay ing staff members. The car service, called by the macaronic Le Shuttle—the pure French under the pure French u without spotting a single drop sion, La Navette, lost out - has of water.

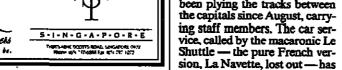
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Leon E. Panetta, the White House chief of staff, has been discussing ideas for a new policy-making process in which Mr. Magaziner's responsibilities would be reduced. But administration officials said Mr. Magaziner was lobbying to keep his portfolio, with some support from one extremely influential patron, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The layers who to control to the The following the many of the following the Mr. Magaziner supervised a beehive of more than 500 people who developed Mr. Clinton's health plan last year. And as the battle over health care played out, he puzzled many Washingtonians. In public speeches. Mr. Magaziner, a soft-spoken Rhodes scholar, seemed diffident and self-effacing. But co-workers, members of Congress and lobbyists said he could also be intellectually arrogant.

A business-strategy consultant in Rhode Island before he joined the White House staff in January 1993, Mr. Magaziner described himself as an outsider with no experience in Washington. Many people agreed with him after seeing the complex health plan he drew up. Indeed, he was said to lack a sense of what was politically possible.

Under the arrangement Mr. Panetta is considering, health

care proposals would be developed through a more conventional process managed by the National Economic Council and the Domestic Policy Council, with a larger role for people who have more experience in Washington.

Mr. Magaziner could be involved in the process, White House officials said, but would not necessarily have a central

One senior administration official eager to reduce Mr.

Magaziner's role said: "He's a symbol of what went wrong.

#### Republicans Get Heat in Democrats' Ads

That may be unfair, but it's a fact."

WASHINGTON - The Democratic National Committee has announced a \$2 million advertising campaign that portrays Republican candidates as intent on tax cuts for the rich, huge new spending for the Pentagon and "devastating cuts in

The campaign reflects an effort by Democrats to turn the "contract with America," a list of promises embraced by Republican candidates for Congress this month, into a liabil-

ity in the final weeks of the fall election campaign.
In a statement announcing the advertising campaign, David Wilhelm, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said, "The American people should know the Republi-

cans are proposing a return to Reaganomics.' The announcement came amid a new sign of a rising Republican tide in November. A poll made public Wednesday found that most Americans were inclined to vote for a Republican candidate for Congress this fall.

The poll, by the Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press, found that 52 percent of registered voters nationwide said they would vote for a Republican and 40 percent said they would choose a Democrat.

#### Discomfort Over Legal Fund for Clintons

WASHINGTON - The White House counsel, Abner J. Mikva, says he is "uncomfortable" with the idea of Mr. Clinton's legal defense fund and wants to review the structure of the fund to see if more can be done to reduce public concerns about it.

Speaking at a breakfast with reporters, Mr. Mikva said that he did not "totally approve" of the concept of soliciting funds to help the Clintons pay their legal bills for Whitewater and the Paula Corbin Jones lawsuit. But he said he could not see a practical alternative that would allow the Clintons to handle bills that could run into the millions.

"It is annincomfortable situation," Mr. Mikva said. "I'm uncomfortable. I expect the president is uncomfortable." But he said the Clintons are not wealthy enough to themselves, and that ethical questions could be raised if the legal services were provided free of charge.

Given those constraints, Mr. Mikva said, "We're trying to

insulate it as much as possible to avoid the appearance question." He said that he wants "to make sure it is perceived and treated as a private fund."

#### Quote/Unquote

Senator Phil Gramm, Republican of Texas and chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, after a meeting with representatives of about 60 political action committees in which he pleaded for contributions: "The message was, if you want to change America, get on board."

#### **Away From Politics**

in Long Island, New York, has been completed, and all radioactive material has been removed, Richard Kessel, the chairman of the Long Island Power Authority, announced. Theodore Briseno, a Los Angeles policeman who was fired despite being acquitted three times of wrongdoing in the

## Quirky Campaign for Senate

## Democrat Plays the Outsider to Buck Trend

By Katharine Q. Seelye
New York Times Service

WILMINGTON, Delaware — This tiny state, with barely enough voters to fill a Chicago precinct, could play a role next month in determining the balance of power in a closely divided U.S. Senate. Contrary to the national trend in this volatile election year, however, it is the Republican incumbent who may be vulnerable.

Senator William V. Roth Jr., 73, who is seeking a fifth term, is being challenged by the state attorney general, Charles M. Oberly 3d, 47. With less than a month before the Nov. 8 election, polls show Mr. Roth ahead but Mr. Oberly

Mr. Roth is already Delaware's longest-serv-ing statewide official, and the state's somewhat conservative voters have historically let their incumbents decide for themselves when their

But Democrats in Washington, fearful of losing their majority in the upper chamber in what could be a big Republican year, are looking to Mr. Oberly as one Democrat who might buck the

Mr. Oberly, a short, pugilistic powerhouse of energy with a deserved reputation for independence, has mounted an aggressive campaign. With his record as a crime fighter, his pledge to serve no more than two terms and his support for the notion of giving the president the line-item veto, he boasts the kind of profile found more often among up-and-coming, law-and-order

So far Mr. Roth, a soft-spoken, slightly built patrician, whose most prominent moment in the constitutional amendment to force senators to Senate came more than a decade ago with the retire at age 65. When that failed, he said, the Kemp-Roth tax cut proposal, has played into his

opponent's hands.

Never perceived as the most articulate member of the Senate, he has recently been criticized by local news organizations for verbal miscues and memory lapses. He has refused to debate his challenger on television and has appeared with him on only three occasions.

Mr. Roth prefers to campaign the old-fashhere play out intimately, door to door, hand to

Roth in the past, greeted him warmly but said mistake about it. Power and experience are the later: "He's been in too long. Oberly is real issues. And Charlie just doesn't have any."

By Tim Weiner

New York Times Service

other embarrassing epilogue to

after Mr. Woolsey had repri-

manded him for having failed

and the Near East operations

chief, Frank Anderson. They

retired after Mr. Woolsey reas-

Milton Bearden, the agency's

station chief in Bonn, an award

for outstanding work during the

1980s. The day before, Mr.

Bearden had been reprimanded by Mr. Woolsey for "very seri-

ous" failures in the case of Mr.

Ames, Moscow's "mole" inside

the Central Intelligence Agency

Senior staff members of the

congressional committees that

oversee the CIA noted that the punishments against the two

men were more severe than any

meted out in the Ames case it-

self. They also noted that the

award to Mr. Bearden might

signify disrespect within the CIA for Mr. Woolsey.

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On Sept. 28, Mr. Woolsey an-

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The most severe reprimands

On Sept. 29, Mr. McGaffin,

the second-ranking officer in

the agency's clandestine service,

In 1985 Mr. Bearden was

deputy chief of the CIA's Sovi-

et-East European operations and supervised Mr. Ames, then

head of the division's Soviet

counterintelligence branch.

That was the year Mr. Ames became a spy for Moscow.

Mr. Bearden again super-vised Mr. Ames in 1989 and

early 1990 but failed to act

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young and energetic, and I think he should win." Still, Mr. Roth may not be as vulnerable as the Democrats hope.

"If Roth was a Democrat and an incumbent and the same age. I'd say he had three strikes against him," said Samuel B. Hoff, a political scientist at Delaware State University at Dover. "But I think the anti-Democratic surge will be

stronger than the anti-incumbent surge." Mayor George Loebe of Delaware City, a Democrat, said he planned to vote for Mr. Roth. "I don't think we should throw everybody out just because we're frustrated," he said.

The candidates' third and final joint appearance, which took place in Milford, reflected the

tone and content of the campaign.

In his low-key manner, Mr. Roth said his work in helping to streamline government, cut taxes and protect Delaware's important credit-card industry had just begun. "Now is no time for on-the-job training in Washington," he said. Mr. Oberly came out swinging, first by reciting

his resume: He is the first attorney general to be elected three times, and he has successfully pros-ecuted several high-profile criminal cases as well as public officials of both parties. Then he denounced Mr. Roth for failing to engage in live television debates.

"The greatest problem with our government today," he declared, "is the very seniority and longevity" represented by Mr. Roth. Washington, he said, has "more experience than we've ever had, but we get less done."

Later, at the Rotary Club in Wilmington, Mr.

Oberly pointed out that when Mr. Roth was first elected to the Senate in 1970, he called for a senator introduced the idea that they retire at 70. Mr. Roth said in an interview that he had

called for mandatory retirement "in the folly of Now," he added, "we all agree that a person

should not be discriminated against on the basis It is unclear whether Mr. Oberly's attacks on

Mr. Roth prefers to campaign the old-fash-ioned way, at small events, one voter at a time. In the absence of a major media market, campaigns there place of a major media market, campaigns here place of a major media market, campaigns like health care, which voters care about.

Indeed, the Roth campaign is broadcasting a At a bowling alley in Wilmington one night recently, Lon Bullock, who has voted for Mr.

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WASHINGTON



A Haitian police trainee learning how to salute from a U. S. Justice Department instructor,

## Generals Go to Gilt-Edged Exile

#### Freed Assets, Wealth and Rentals Ease Haitian Departure

By Douglas Farah

Washington Post Service PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - in a move that will cushion the exile of Haiti's former military leader, Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras, who reportedly amassed a fortune during his three years in power, the United States agreed to rent three properties that will yield him thousands of dollars a month in income, U.S. officials said Thursday

General Cedras, his former chief of staff, Brigadier General Philippe Biamby, and the Cedras family left Haiti early Thursday, flying in a U. S.-pro-vided jet into what is expected to be luxurious exile in Panama. Family friends speculated

that General Cedras would end up in Spain, where the family owns other properties.
U. S. soldiers loaded massive amounts of luggage onto the

aircraft while the two former leaders and their entourage mounted the stairs to the plane, never pausing to look back. Another U.S.-provided jet

flew 23 "relatives and associates" of the two to Miami, said the U.S. Embassy spokesman, Stanley Schrager. "After a review by the departments of State and Justice, they were pa-roled into the United States by the attorney general," he said. [The White House press sec-

The survey found that only 53 percent of those asked knew Mr. Simpson retary, Dee Dee Myers, said that the two deposed generals "will not be allowed to come to the United States, ever." The Associated Press reported from Washington.]

The departure of the two men clears the way for the return to they were following the U.S. intervention in Haiti Haiti on Saturday of the man they overthrew in 1991, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The most pronounced effect of the settlement, however, will

be to increase pressure on Con-

gress to enact a far-reaching law

governing all pesticides. Such an overhaul could supersede the

court.

United States, the former police chief, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Michel François, the third of the military leaders now in exile, has rented his Haitian home out as a residence for officials from the Dominican Republic, diplomatic sources said. Colonel François went last week to the Dominican Republic, where he has extensive business holdings.

General Biamby, who lived more austerely than his two colleagues, does not own a home. In Washington, Ms. Myers also announced that the assets of the military leaders, frozen in most countries for the last year,

would be released. "We've always envisioned that when Aristide returns that all the sanctions, including the sanctions on assets, would be

lifted," she said.

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While General Cedras is the general's salary was about renting his properties to the \$900 a month. Colonel François built homes and businesses when his salary never exceeded \$500 a month.

> Diplomats close to the negotiations said the rental agreements were a last-minute demand, and haggling over the details delayed the departures by several hours.

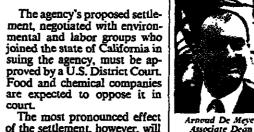
The rental will be determined at fair market value and the property will be used by S. personnel in Haiti or sublet to other tenants," Mr. Schrager said. The main home, at market value, would rent for about \$5,000 a month, as would the beach front home. The third house would normally rent for about \$2,000.

Diplomatic sources familiar with the deal said General Cédras's wife, Yannick, led the negotiations and set the terms. concerned not only about the price of the rentals, but de-Mr. Schrager said the United manding that the houses be states had, in order to get the protected against possible de-

All three men amassed large fortunes from their time in power by controlling basic The properties, worth hun-products whose value soared dreds of thousands of dollars, because of international embar-

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• A judge has refused to order 3,800 Denver public school teachers back to work, ruling they have a right to strike. The teachers walked off the job on Monday.

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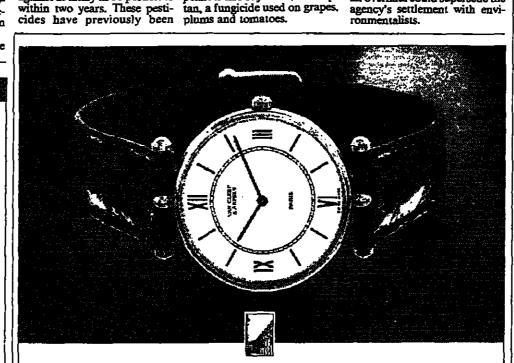
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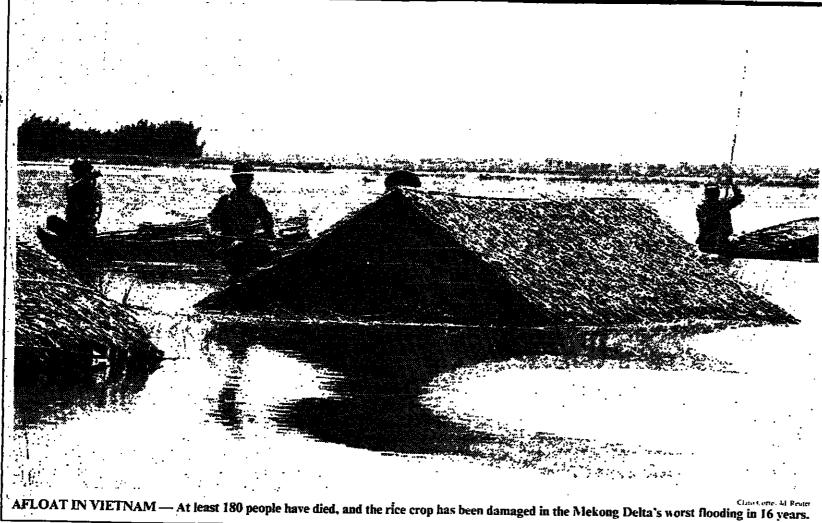
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## North Korea Talks Flounder Hopes for an Accord Fade as Experts Wrangle

GENEVA - Hopes for an imminent conclusion to nuclear talks between the United States and North Korea faded Thursday, as experts from the two sides continued to wrestle with technical issues.

The outcome of the expert discussions, which were continuing Thursday evening, is expected to determine whether chief negotiators will be able to

meet to wrap up the talks. But a Thursday meeting between the two heads of delegations looked unlikely, officials

The talks are aimed at resolving an international dispute over North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons program, but they have been deadlocked for the past three weeks.

In Seoul, a South Korean politician said the United States had offered major new concessions that would allow Pyongyang five years before accepting full checks from international inspectors at all its suspected nuclear sites.

Lee Sei Kee of South Korea's governing Democratic Liberal Party said Washington had also agreed that construction of a new, internationally financed light-water nuclear reactor to diplomatic ties with the United replace North Korea's current States and technical aid to regraphite technology would begin before the sites were in-

Mr. Lee gave no source for his information, but Washington has kept Seoul abreast of the negotiations. The Democratic Liberals' leader, President Kim Young Sam, has expressed fears Washington might accept a "dangerous"

compromise. The apparent U.S. climbdown could touch off new frictions with South Korea, already unhappy at what it considers Washington's conciliatory stance with the North.

Signs appeared late Tuesday that the two sides may be close to a breakthrough.

A spokesman for North Ko-

rea's Foreign Ministry told reporters that progress had been made on some points. The chief U.S. negotiator.

Robert L. Gallucci, said any progress would depend on the outcome of the expert level

A broad agreement between the two sides was reached in August after North Korea agreed to open up its nuclear

place its outdated nuclear

But Pyongyang is balking at allowing inspectors into two crucial sites that it says are military-related and out of bounds.

The West suspects the sites contain evidence that North Korea has been developing nuclear weapons. It is insisting on ventication

Another sticking point is the future of 8,000 spent nuclear rods in a cooling pond north of Pyongyang
The United States fears that
reprocessing the rods could
yield enough plutonium for five

nuclear bombs President Kim said earlier his week that he did not believe the North had actually yet produced nuclear weapons, but thought it was using the implicit

#### Li Peng to Visit South Korea

threat to try to squeeze concessions in Geneva. (AP, Reuers)

SEOUL - Prime Minister Li Peng of China will visit South Korea at the end of October, a presidential spokesman said Thursday,

## Myopia Operation Has Mixed Results

By Warren E. Leary New York Times Service

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WASHINGTON - A 10ear study of an increasingly opular surgical technique used to correct poor distance vision shows that the method is reasonably safe and effective but that it may lead to an accelerated decline in the ability to see

things up close.
The study, the longest and most detailed on the aftermath of the surgical procedure, radial keratotomy, concludes that it can have long-term benefits in correcting myopia, a common condition in which light from a distant object focuses in front of the retina, producing blurred

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"Vision-threatening complications were rare," said the report, compiled by researchers at nine medical centers and published in The Archives of Oph-

thalmology.

Radial keratotomy is a proce dure in which spoke-like slits are cut into the surface of the comea, the clear, curved covering of the eye. As the cuts heal, the comea flattens and redirects light rays so that they fall properly on the light-sensitive reti-

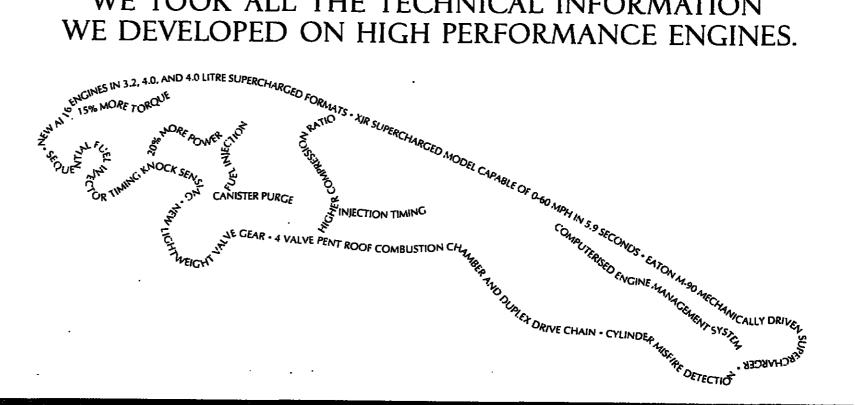
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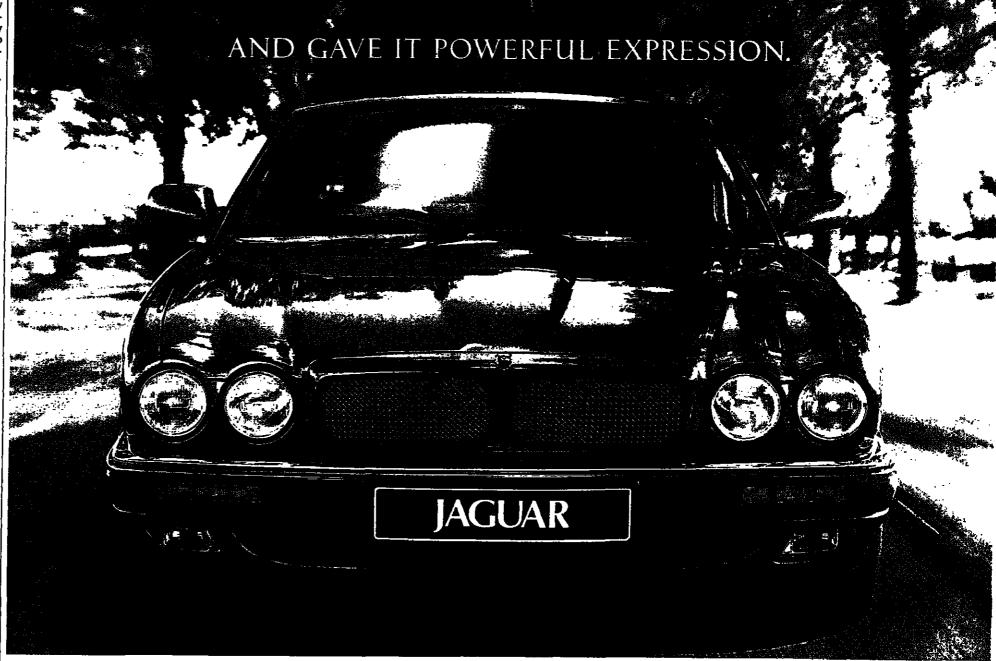
The study said that in only 3 percent of cases was distance vision worse than before the surgery and that this worsening was generally small and correctable with glasse

The study found that 10 years after surgery, 58 percent of patients needed some correction by glasses or contact lenses, for near or distance vision, at least some of the time.

Part of this need for correct-The study, sponsored by the ed vision was due to aging, in particular the decline in closeup vision that commonly develops after 40, the res concluded. But some of it, they said, appeared to be attributable to the radial keratotomy procedure, which seemed to cause the change in some people at an earlier age.

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## **China Says Military Ties** With U.S. Will Increase

BELJING — China expects military exchanges with the United States to increase and sees Defense Secretary William . Perry's visit as a chance to improve overall relations, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

"We hold a positive attitude to the development of relations between the two armed forces," said the spokesman, Chen Jian.

Mr. Perry is to arrive in Beijing on Sunday after a visit to the Gulf for talks with leaders in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Military relations between China and the United States have resumed and will "gradu-ally increase." Mr. Chen said, any increase. Mr. Chen salu, noting that high-ranking Chinese military leaders recently visited Washington.

Mr. Chen told reporters that overall Chinese U.S. relations

were "at a critical juncture," and that Mr. Perry's visit would be an opportunity to improve them. He suggested there were "challenges to be faced" but did not élaborate.

China plans to discuss military cooperation and exchanges during Mr. Perry's visit, Mr. Chen said. He declined to say what specific bilateral issues would be discussed.

A U.S. official said earlier this week that the topics would include weapons proliferation. nuclear weapons testing and relations with North Korea. The United States also seeks more openness on such issues as weapons modernization and military budgets.

Mr. Chen also reiterated Thursday that China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, 90, was in good health and that recent foreign press reports that his condition had seriously deteriorated were unfounded.

Mr. Deng's younger sister was quoted by an official newspaper as saying he attended a Beijing fireworks display with her on the Oct. I National Day. Rumors about Mr. Deng's health have proliferated in re-

(AP, Reuters)

## **Mexican Suspect Implicates** Legislators in Murder Plots

Los Angeles Times Service cused conspirator has told investigators that federal legisla-tors plotted the Sept. 28 assessination of the second- Alicia Garza Galino, head of ranking official in Mexico's rul- the Tamaulipas legislative deleing party and planned to kill a gation, as well as the slain man, ormer party chairman and oth- Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu. politicians.

Fernando Rodriguez Gonzápolice that his boss belonged to two political groups whose purpose was to eliminate political reformers, without regard to what means had to be used to achieve that," according to a statement from the attorney general's office. Mr. Muñoz Ro-

cha is a fugitive from justice. The hit list included Fernan-

lutionary Party, which has MEXICO CITY — An acgoverned Mexico for 65 years; seed conspirator has told in- Governor Manuel Cavazos Lerma of the state of Tamaulipas; Congresswoman Laura

Mr. Rodríguez González told lez, an aide to Congressman the police, according to the Manuel Munoz Rocha, told the statement, that one of the two political groups consisted of members of the Federal Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of Congress, and that the other was led by Senator Enrique Cardenas González. Mr. Cárdenas González complained to the attorney general's office last week that he was being slandered when other suspects do Oruz Arana, former chair- accused him of involvement in man of the Institutional Revo- the alleged assassination plot.

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# It's Late in Algeria

The clock ticks on in Algeria, and the ticking grows louder and faster. On Monday this week came the assassination of the 19th Frenchman to die in the war between Islamic guerrillas and the military dictatorship; on Wednesday five car bombs in Algiers and the war's 64th foreign victim, a South Korean; on Thursday an estimate that the death toll among Algerians themselves, not long ago 200 a month, may now be well over 400 a week. This is what happens when the logic of events takes its grip.

In a bid to deflect that logic, Algeria's military regime — with the backing of the French government — is now trying to negotiate with some of the milder members of the Islamic Salvation Front.

As well as the fanatically anti-democratic and anti-Western sort, there is a less extreme faction among the Islamists. If Algeria's rulers had attempted to deal with them in January 1992, that month's election might not have been canceled, a relatively moderate (and honestly elected) Islamic government might have come to power, and perhaps an increasingly savage civil war would

As it is, the mistake was made and the blood that has been shed since then has eaten away much of the willingness to compromise, on both sides. This is why. by late 1994, negotiation has such a siender chance of success.

It will be very difficult for President Liamine Zeroual to get the hard-liners in his army - the "eradicators" - to accept a revival of the election they killed 33 months ago. That would be humiliation. Worse, these officers will correctly say, an election now would produce a more explosive result than an election in 1992 would have done, because the presumably victorious Islamists have meantime

grown angrier and more intransigent. No election, the eradicators will say, tapping their holsters.

But it will be even harder for the Islamist leaders to accept what President Zeroual wants. Algeria's military regime, again with France's backing, seems to be hoping that its adversaries will settle for a power-sharing deal without any firm promise of an election. The hard-liners on the other side will correctly say that this would mean giving for since 1992. That, too, is humiliation.

On this knife edge the hope of a negotiated settlement teeters. If an agreement is not reached fairly soon — say, by the end of the year — there will probably never be an agreement. And then the prognosis

is grisly.
It is now almost inconceivable that the

Out of this disintegrating Algeria emerges the danger, for Europe, of a wave of refugees and of an implacably hostile Islamic power on the other side of the Mediterranean. The clock has not quite reached midnight. Before it does, the European Union must try to prevent Algeria's generals from making bad even worse.

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE.

## From the Ruble's Rubble

President Boris Yeltsin, after a stunning 25 percent drop in the value of the ruble on Tuesday and only a small recovery on Wednesday, dismissed his finance minister and demanded that Parliament fire the head of the Russian central bank. But Russia needs to do more than sack a few officials. The currency debacle has been months in the making. To keep its drive to freer markets from stalling, Russia needs to turn its policies around, with help from the West.

Recently, the Russian economy has looked O.K. Inflation fell from 20 percent per month to 4 percent. The deficit, though large, was set at respectable levels. Stores have been stocked with plenty of goods. But the favorable signs masked problems waiting to explode.

Inflation fell because the central bank drove interest rates to impossibly high levels that, left alone, would have crushed economic activity. The bank relented this summer, flooding the market with new rubles in an effort to bring rates lower. That in turn triggered inflation. Meanwhile, bankrupt enterprises borrowed massively from each other - staying alive until the government bailed them out. Which is just what it did during the past few months, pumping rubles into agriculture and other sectors. That, too, had an inflationary effect, and the value of the ruble fell.

Events came to a climax this week when traders, realizing that the central bank had spent most of its dollar reserves vainly trying to prop up the ruble. dumped more rubles onto the market.

Mr. Yeltsin has one overriding economic task: to stabilize the ruble. Markets cannot thrive if people refuse to hold currency because its value disintegrates in their hands

Ukraine, deeply divided, still has not fully made up its mind about economic

reform. Its president, Leonid Kuchma,

this week urged Parliament to relax con-

trols and let the country move toward

open markets. But the Parliament has

resisted. The West has been offering sub-

stantial aid, but most of it will have to

depend on progress toward better policy.

cumstances. It cannot retreat into commu-

nism, but it has not been able to agree to

move toward privatization. Meanwhile, its

economy and living standard decline.

The trouble isn't a lack of democracy.

Both branches of the government are

elected. But the country is operating un-

der its old Soviet constitution - a con-

can hold together. Its western region,

which speaks Ukrainian, tends to look

toward Western Europe and to support

The deeper question is whether Ukraine

tinuing source of weakness.

Ukraine has fallen into dangerous cir-

He took the first step on Wednesday dismissing officials who debased the currency. The next step is to separate the central bank from the government and to dedicate monetary policy to the mission of stabilizing the exchange rate of the ruble. That means that the government could no longer print new rubles when it ran huge deficits.

Here is where the West has a crucial role to play. It needs to give Russia access to loans to belp pay some of the government's bills, thereby removing some of the need to print rubles. Of course, the loans would be conditioned on Russian pledges to limit deficits to sustainable

The West also needs to provide dollars for a stabilization fund, so that traders know that Russia has reserves to stabilize the ruble. If reform works, Russians will hold rubles and the stabilization fund will not be touched - which is what happened in Poland when the West helped it get market reform under way.

Russia also needs to create a credible tax system that not only raises revenue but assures domestic and foreign investors alike that the system is fair and predictable. Foreigners also need clearer and less restrictive corporate and labor codes. Finally, Moscow must provide easier bankruptcy procedures to stop the hemorrhage of rubles from government coffers to worthless companies.

Russia's choice is this: It can undertake these reforms, or revert to form and try to solve problems by government fiat. With modest help from the West, the temporary pain of market reform need not be severe as Moscow lays the foundation for a sounder, more vibrant econom-

vate property and competition, which is

odd, since Russia itself has been moving to

adopt them. It is hard to think that this

Mr. Kuchma sees that clearly. In a

ringing speech Tuesday, he warned the

Parliament that failure to pursue reform

decisively could lead to anarchy and even

to civil war. Ukraine is a big and popu-

lous country. Instability there would have

severe effects on its neighbors, particular-

The West is doing what it should. A

succession of emissaries, including Vice

President Al Gore, has offered encour-

agement and promises of billions of dol-

lars in loans to rebuild the economy.

including its nuclear reactors. But all of

this outside help has to be contingent on Ukrainians' determination to spend the

money well and proceed with rational

purpose. Ukrainians themselves now

iv Poland and Russia.

paralysis can continue much longer.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

up what the guerrillas have been fighting Election or else, these people will say. fingering their own holsters.

army can decisively beat the guerrillas. But the army, with its near-monopoly of heavy weapons, will not itself be easily mopped up. This points to a prolonged war of attrition in which Algeria may break up into rebel-held zones and army-controlled ones. This would tempt the Berbers - the amiably Muslim, non-Arab quarter of the population, with its own language and its own mountainous homeland in eastern Algeria — to cry a plague on both militant Islam and dictatorial soldiers.

# ${\it Saddam: Contain His Desperate Efforts to Intimidate}$

PARIS — Western analysts are admittedly stumped trying to figure out why Saddam Hussein trumped his own ace with threatening military maneuvers just when the UN Security Council faced an open split on lifting sanctions.

This time he apparently has beat a quick retreat, withdrawing troop reinforcements confronting Kuwait when

#### A demilitarized zone would also curb Saddam's abuses of his own suffering people.

President Bill Clinton ordered in U.S. forces to demonstrate Saddam's miscalculation. The Security Council is not even considering removing sanctions now. But Saddam will keep pushing. His country is desperate. The surprising

threat showed that he is, too. When he invaded Kuwait in 1990, the then Iraqi ambassador in Paris explained the move privately with a long account of his country's financial problems given the low price of oil, concluding, "He had no choice, his head was on the block."

For at least a month before the disclosure by the United States of the latest mass deployment of Iraqi elite divisions toward Kuwait, the exiled Iraqi opposition had been reporting the arrival of important military forces in the south.

**By Flora Lewis** 

especially around Basra and Amara. They presumed it was to escalate the campaign against the "marsh Arabs" being driven out of their watery homes alongside the Euphrates and to put down increasing attacks from the resistance. which opposition sources claim has mounted open battles as well as successful ambushes.

For considerably longer, they have been reporting dramatic rates of desertion from the ordinary army, up to 60 percent in some units, cruelly countered with the order to cut off an ear and tattoo the forehead of those who are caught. Doctors who refuse the operation are said to have been executed.

Now, U.S. military experts confirm the assessment that Saddam's army, nearly a million strong at the start of the Gulf War, is now a "hollow force." Less than 100,000, essentially in the five Republican Guard divisions, are rated as effective - although that would be plenty to overrun Kuwait without determined American support of the Kuwaitis.

It is true that the economy is in sham-

bles as a result of sanctions, although all signs of war damage have been removed from Baghdad. The main victims, of course, are the bulk of the people whom Saddam, a firm believer in the utility of intimidation, has at once terror-

By William Safire

ized and awed with nationalist fervor. He thought he could intimidate the United Nations into a deal to end sanctions, which he could then claim as a great victory, showing his concern for the people's welfare. But he has adamantly refused to accept the UN offer that would allow him to sell oil for food

and medical imports. He has good reason to feel that his own life as well as his regime's are now at stake. Even the Arabs who supported or sympathized with him in the Gulf conflict, including Jordan and the Palestinians, refuse to back him this time.

Still. Saddam has a certain subtle international support. For legal and diplomatic reasons, no government calls for his ouster. Some, including Security Council veto members Russia and France, are eager to do business with him.

The opposition, which represents all major sectors of the population, is a fractious coalition gradually gaining allies within the regime. The only way to measure this is by Saddam's high-levelpurges, which are becoming broader and more frequent. Therefore, the proposal from William Perry, the U.S. defense secretary, that the

UN enforce a deep demiliarized zone across from Kuwait to match its flightexclusion zone can bring many benefits.

Mr. Perry's reason is to prevent Saddam's on-again off-again threats from pinning down a substantial U.S. force or

obliging it to return. But it would also dramatically reduce Saddam's ability to persecute the suffering people in the south. Without his army's support, his police and party apparatus would be unable to sustain the level of repression. The opposition could organize in the area and greatly enhance the chances of overthrowing him from within.

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There is one obstacle, and it seems to repeat the reason for the unsatisfactory end to the 1991 war. There is good cause to believe that Saudi Arabia leaned on President George Bush then not to press for the collapse of Saddam's regime. It doesn't like popular upheavals. Now the Saudi rulers are under greater internal pressure than ever, and King Fahd is reportedly too ill to rule effectively and too stubborn to abdicate.

But the United States cannot preserve the Saudis from their own mistakes forever, no more than it could preserve the shah's power in Iran. Forcing Saddam's army out of southern Iraq would no doubt take some military action (it should have been done in 1991), but it would not only protect Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, it vould advance Saddam's demise.

The United States should convince the Saudis that they have much more to gain this way, and that they should counter their fears that the despot's fall might encourage their internal opposition by liberalizing their own regime.

O Flora Lewis

## Assad: He Speaks of Concessions While Buying More Tanks

WASHINGTON — I spot-ted Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, on a flight to Los Angeles last week and plunked myself down in the seat next to him. How did he explain the latest polls in Israel that show the opposition leader. Benjamin Netanyahu, running neck-and-neck with Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin? A fast man with an aphorism. Mr. Peres replied: "Polls are like perfume — nice to smell, dangerous to swallow."

That playful parrying was O.K. because the answer is apparent: (1) inflation under the Labor government is over 14 percent: (2) Mr. Rabin's answer is a cockamamie capital gains tax, undermining much-needed investment; (3) the PLO is unable to restrain the murders and kidnappings of Israelis by its rival Hamas; (4) Syria's dictator, Hafez Assad, wants every inch of the Golan Heights before granting Israel the favor of peace.

What's with Mr. Assad? I asked. Sometimes a non-penetrating question draws a revealing response. "Assad may miss again the boat," ruminated Mr. Peres. "He waited 17 years for nothing. and now he thinks he should be paid for it. He thinks if he waits. he'll get more, as if the Americans could deliver Israel.

"He's afraid to bargain because he's worried he may not get the best bargain. He thinks his comment that he is for peace was a great concession and we have to pay for it, and we're not impressed.

Let's assume that is a dovish diplomat talking tough in the hope of turning up the heat under a frigid interlocutor. From other sources, both in and out of touch with the Syrians, I get this assess-ment of what's with Mr. Assad: • For all his reputation for

shrewdness, he has outsmarted and isolated himself. Egypt's Anwar Sadat, despised by Mr. Assad, got "every inch" of land back; Mr. Assad, 17 years later. finds it painful to settle for less. The penniless Yasser Arafat went into negotiations without Syria: that in turn gave the hungry king of Jordan leave to negotiate a peace treaty with Israel, even as it encouraged the Saudis to ease the boycott. Mr. Assad is standing on the platform watching the train of Arab leadership leave the station.

 Accordingly, he is dropping hints of flexibility. His con-trolled television shows King Hussein in Israel; his foreign minister gives an interview to Israeli journalists. His negotiators, who demanded a firstphase negotiation lasting only six months after a token Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, now agree to one year, a concession extracted by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

 At the same time, he positions himself for a classic double cross. Damascus remains the capital of terrorism, Mr. Assad has conquered Lebanon and does not trouble its Hezbollah. He is adding to his force of 4,200 modern tanks, and is buying missiles from North Korea and

other weaponry from Russia. If fundamentalists take over in Egypt and Mr. Assad's allies in Iran buy or develop a nuclear bomb, Syria could lead the Arabs into a Mideast Armageddon. Taken together with his need

for economic sponsors to replace Assad has outsmarted

himself; now he stands on the platform watching the train of Arab leadership leave.

the Russians, these omnidirectional tugs suggest that the Israelis are wise to try to reach a territorial compromise with Syria, but would be foolhardy to totally abandon the Golan - a military position that cries out to be shared, offering security to both nations.

Mr. Christopher, at his best as a shuttling lawyer, spends six hours closely analyzing each

point with the suspicious Mr. Assad for every hour he spends with the forthright Israeli leader.
What's with Mr. Rabin? He is

willing to negotiate ultimate to-tal withdrawal in return for a "warm peace," with a force of 1,000 Americans permanently stationed on the heights to guarantee against a surprise attack. (Thirty Israeli troops are on their way to Haiti, as a kind of advance repayment.)
Honorably, Mr. Rabin - who

promised not to take this samble - is prepared to ask Israelis to ratify such an agreement in an unprecedented referendum. A regular election beforehand would be better.

Mr. Rabin's motive is noble. and his military career gives his strategic judgment weight. But I think Americans on a Syrian Golan would be a mistake as is the current positioning of Americans in the Egyptian Sinai. Israel should not rely on another nation's monitors for its defense. and America should make its interventions decisive and brief.

The New York Times.

## The Chinese Army: Professional but Accustomed to a Central Role

BEIJING — The army will most likely play a decisive role in China's politics after the deroise of Deng Xiaoping, but it is far from clear how it will do so. The military's past performance in the political arena may be a guide.

Until now, the army has been a central force in Chinese politics, but this was not tantamount to political intervention by the military. The reason for this essential distinction derives from China's revolutionary period, when Communist leaders had both political and military functions. After the establishment of the

Communist regime in 1949, rival hierarchies developed within the power structure, but at its apex, gantic social struggle, and the

political and military leaders remained closely integrated because of their unique personal stature as revolutionary godfathers.

The most significant result of this integration was that the nation's paramount leaders, Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping, were also supreme and active commanders of the Chinese Army. Their special standing enabled them to use the army as a power base in conflicts within the ruling elite. Such involvement was mostly indirect. The exceptions were the Cultural Revolution, when

Tiananmen Square crisis in 1989, when Mr. Deng compelled it to crush pro-democracy demonstrators with brute force.

By Ellis Joffe

China's military leaders of that generation also relied on the army for political maneuvering. But they never moved troops for political purposes on their own initiative. The professional military. for their part, tried to stay out of politics. The army's two largescale interventions were carried out despite their opposition.

Mr. Deng's successors will not be able to involve the military in politics in the same way. Their hold on the army is much weaker. It rests on institutional arrangements and performance, not on The third is the effectiveness of personal stature and long-standing ties. So they will not be able to take unconditional support from the armed forces for granted.

This will probably give the military great influence on the makeup of the leadership and on major policy issues. However, there are important limits. First, the uncertain stature of the new leaders is paralleled by the emergence of a new postrevolutionary generation of military chiefs who, unlike the old marshals, lack the personal standing to readily take assertive stands against party leaders.

In ordinary circumstances the new party leaders will not have to haggle constantly with the mili-tary for support because such support will be forthcoming due to tradition, the professionalism of the armed forces, the institutional position of the leaders, and their instruments of power.

However, whether circumstances remain ordinary will depend on four conditions.

The first is the state of leadership politics. Basic policy consensus and cooperative working relations among senior leaders are vital for projecting authority and confidence to the bureaucracies and the nation. A breakdown of consensus could lead to pro-longed paralysis, which the mili-tary chiefs could be tempted to break, or to conflicts in which the protagonists would try to enlist the support of army leaders.

The second condition is the

leadership's control over the party and other ruling organs. Ero-sion of such control could fatally impair its capacity to govern and

these organs. Prolonged ineptness or corruption would lead to a similar result.

The fourth is social stability. which will depend primarily on the success of economic progress in China. If signs of unrest appear after failure of the reform program or its disruptive side-effects. the military might intervene first at policy levels. If demonstrations break out, the military will make every effort to let the People's Armed Police deal with them. Only if widespread violence threatens the existence of the gime will the armed forces interthreatens the existence of the re-

The possible actions of the military thus range from unquestioned backing of the post-Deng leadership to full-scale intervention. A precondition, in any case, will be its own cohesion - the unity of the top command in dealings with party leaders, and the unity of the lower ranks in

e unity of the command. So far, the professionalism of forces has pretheir response to high command. the Chinese armed forces has prevented serious cracks from developing. However, the military's extensive involvement in economic activities and the stresses of coping with unprecedented situations may endanger this unity. If that were to happen, intervention in politics might split the

military and cause internal strife. The writer, professor of Chinese studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is author of "The Chi-nese Army After Mao." He con-

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#### 1894: A Cancer Theory

PARIS - The writer of Le Canсет, a recent medical publication, is opposed to the micro-organic theory of cancer, and claims this terrible disease is not the effect of an infectious germ coming from the exterior, but the product of morbid evolution of certain epithelial cells. The believers of the microbian origin of cancer, however, stick to their dogma and defend it with every possible argument.

#### 1919: Wilson Incapable?

suffered some kind of cerebral lesion, either during his speech at Pueblo or immediately thereafter. One of the readily discernible to sults is a slight facial paralysis.

LONDON — Russian shock troops captured the Latvian spital and Nazi naval base of Risa yesterday [Oct. 13], smashing seven miles through a strong maze of Axis defenses in a conquest which released hundreds of thousands of Soviet vectoring for the Battle of Germany is all for the Battle of Gormany itself.
Berlin's high command indicated the battle for pre-war Germany already had begun with massed Soviet tank attacks on the Fast Pression as the East Prussian garrison at the Port of Memel and a large scale Red Army attack across the Narew River in northern Poland on the lower side of East Prussia.

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#### The foundation of civilization (this is the obligatory Big

WASHINGTON — People who seek public office tend to be what you might call urgeful, were that a word. When they want something, they want it badly. The winner of a party's presidential nomination is usually whoever wanted it worst. That is one reason Bill Clinton is president: extremely urgeful man. When that guy wants a

chili dog, stand aside. As a politician, Mr. Clinton feels an urgent need for change, he says. He has rushed reform legislation, and most of it has blown up spectacularly.

He seems to know that in these days no president can count on a second term. His is a regency of urgency. All humans have urges, but politicians can be particularly

impulsive, importunate, driven

by the desire for power or money

or righteousness or maybe even good seats at football games. Tarnished Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, an able man who deserves a better first name than Tarnished, got in trouble for various things, but the one that sticks out was his decision to attend the playoff game last year between the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys. Any sports fan would

have wanted to go. Someone offered Mr. Espy two great seats in a skybox. Could we reasonably expect him to resist the urge to go, simply because the person offering the seats was Don Tyson, the chicken magnate, the single individual on earth who might be most dramatically affected by chicken inspection reform efforts then under consideration at the Department of Agriculture? This was a big game.

#### By Joel Achenbach

Politicians Loose on an Urge Splurge

Picture sentence) is the suppression of individual urges in service of a greater good. The new sex survey that came out a few days ago shows that American women, on average, have had two sexual partners in their entire life, and men six. Obviously some people out there are suppressing some urges.

(It is hard at first to understand how women can have had two and men six if, as the survey says, only about 3 percent of men are homosexual. You imagine six men and six women in a room. How do they combine so that the men have six partners but the women only two? Can this be a question on the next

Scholastic Assessment Test?) The paradox is that civilization's suppression of urges is ultimately governed by urgeful leaders. The rule makers, by nature, are almost incapable of follow-

ing the rules. In the old days the press didn't cover transgressions. Now it covers every alleged peccadillo, every potential conflict of interest, every hairy mole and polyp. The voters have had to learn what to forgive and what to condemn. They have to discern which urges are understandable and which

pathological. Henry Cisneros is counting on forgiveness. A few years ago he was the mayor of San Antonio, smart, talented, handsome. He knew the rules of success. He broke one of them. The civilized man violated his marital covenant. He confessed publicly. He asked for time to work it out. He later got a job as secretary of housing and urban development.

The affair would be long forgotten except that his former mistress has sued him for violating a verbal agreement to pay her \$4,000 a month, and in the grand tradition of Gennifer Flowers has given a television tabloid show transcripts of secretly taped phone calls be-tween her and Mr. Cisneros. She claimed on television that he deceived the FBI about how much money he had paid her after they broke up. He says he was just helping out a friend who couldn't get a job because of publicity about the affair.

In other words, he was just being nice. Maybe that's just an urge of his: humanitarianism. But he paid her more than \$200,000. Very nice indeed. He apparently will survive this

ing, and he probably wishes he had suppressed a few more urges in his rise to stardom. Former and Maybe-Again D.C. Mayor Marion Barry had urges. He says he was a sex ad-

dict, but it was his urge to light

little scandal, but it's embarrass-

the crack pipe, the urge for euphoria, that blew out his career. Teddy Kennedy is perhaps the most urgeful politician of our times. The young lads were asleep that night at the Palm Beach estate. He woke them up and suggested they go to a bar. Even in late middle age, old enough to get the senior citizen discount at Denny's, a man can

find the urge to PAR-TAY. The Republicans have countered Mr. Kennedy with Mitt Romney, a man of no obvious urges other than to make money. The Washington Post.

reach deep within himself and

tributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

WASHINGTON — Everything of importance in Washington has taken secondary place to the President's illness. The question as to whether or not the President will ever again be able to perform the duties of his office is discussed openly in close Administration circles. The matter was brought to a head by a letter from Senator Moses to a friend: "The President 1944: Russians Take Riga

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# Lots of Big Problems Don't Have Military Solutions

their militaries don't run them.

This now is a problem. Since the end of the Cold War, the

U.S. military budget has shrunk

in real terms, or at best remained

stable, and the real military

threat to the country has dwin-

dled. But the Pentagon has diffi-

culty reducing its arms spending

while keeping force-level com-mitments intact because high-

technology research and pro-

Enropean analysis argues that in

the effort to justify its budgets.

unrealizable, high-technology projects for which there is nei-

ther a realistic mission nor the

The most dramatic case was

the Star Wars program, but

there have been others since,

such as the B-2 stealth bomber,

the F-18 and F-22 advanced

fighters and the abandoned A-

12 attack aircraft. The analysis

asks if America's military-indus-

trial system is capable of halting

money for operational use.

Thus, one privately published

duction costs steadily rise.

PARIS — Haiti and even Iraq, for all of the personal tragedies they entail, are foreign affairs sideshows. Even Iraq's strategic position with respect to the Gulf's oil production affords it little more than a The state of

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nuisance role in world affairs. The world's industry already gets along without Iraq's oil. Sei-zure of Kuwait's will not be tolcrated, as the United States is again demonstrating, but even that would be of surmountable economic consequence. There is simply a lot of oil on world markets, and those who produce it, whatever their political character, have to sell it.

description of the second seco A more perplexing, long-term problem for makers of for-eign policy lies farther south. Saudi Arabia is the principal Manifester Control of the Control of Arab oil producer, but its social and governmental structures are totally unadapted to contemporary circumstances, and they are

beginning to crack.

The country is run by the royal family, largely in their personal interests. The government imposes upon its subjects a religious orthodoxy and cultural-social repression irreconcilable with the secular, liberal, hedonistic and materialistic values set loose in the country by its world economic role, the Western education of its elites

and modern communications. Despite certain recent Washington utterances meant to distance the United States from some of what has been going on, America is tightly bound to this monarchy. There is an analogy in this to Iran's condition under the shah, and to By William Pfaff

America's situation with respect to him. In other words, there is no military answer. The problem, however, is

that the United States now has trouble producing solutions other than military ones. Its policy in the entire Gulf region was fundamentally military even before Saddam Hussein ordered his troops to Kuwait's frontier, including pre-positioned stocks and programs of military exchanges and joint training meant to produce political as well as military results.

Haiti policy, meanwhile, rested on the American military's good relations with Haitian generals, until the latters' coup d'état deposing President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Nonetheless, policy today is military in execution, if not formation, a matter of a huge invasion deployment on the one hand and General Colin Powell's assurances to the generals of honorable treatment on the other. The continued American engagement in Haiti — and there will be one — will undoubtedly be assigned to the army and

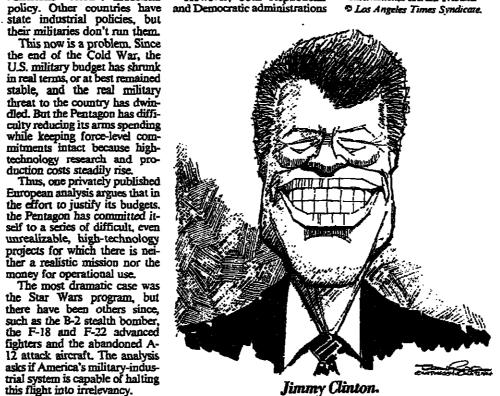
marines to carry out. This reliance on military solutions not only follows from a lack of political imagination in Washington, and the State Department's lack of political clout, but reflects the popular trust that Americans place in the military, as the one presumably uncorrupt element in a government otherwise widely portrayed as an unproductive burden upon the citizenry.

The Pentagon has also bethat his administration has gutcome the main government acted America's military forces so tor in America's economy. Since the onset of the World War IL stocks, transport, infrastrucwhen military spending ended ture and training to carry out their missions should they meet the Great Depression and put the country to work again, the Pentagon has provided subsidy real opposition. There is something in this reproach, but it deserves to be addressed to and direction to America's heavy and high-technology in-America's military leadership, dustries. This has been the which has set these priorities. American version of industrial

However, both Republican and Democratic administrations

Some Republican critics of allowed this situation to happen. The use of military influence, The use of military influence, threats, deployment and action has become the privileged inthat they no longer have the strument of American world policy. It is a strange development for a country that for the first century and a half of its existence took pride in its lack of a permanent military establishment. At a time when America has no serious military rival, it is also a dangerous situation.

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## Pollution Along the Highway

NEW YORK — Affairs of the heart can produce lots of venom as they die. Once, the beastly things that lovers said at the end disappeared into the ether. They were pardonable on grounds of momentary insanity.

Less so since 25 million people tied themselves into the Internet, the international computer network through which

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participants send electronic mail (E-mail) and commune for group discussions via thousands of forums known as computer billboards.

Since the mass conversion to the Internet, verbal venom has transformed itself from mere shouting to written defamations, many signed, that circulate among thousands and even millions of people.

A spoken fit of anger was

just noise. A written one is in a recent case at Santa Rosa Junior College in California, a sex discrimination case.

The Santa Rosa federal case tically oversold as a cultural innovation.

The case began with a pair of students who had dated, how or if to regulate what stuthen fallen apart. The woman posted disparaging remarks ment's first stab at the guideabout her former beau on a lines is being attacked as a public billboard accessible to hazard to the First Amend-

By Brent Staples

thousands of people. The beau fired back with some graphic sexual comments on a closed billboard for men only, which had fewer than a dozen participants. The male-only board had been set up by the college, as had a board for women.

The systems manager who erased the woman's comments said they denigrated the man's sex appeal. The man's remarks were profoundly grotesque, and anatomically specific, in line with what one finds on bathroom walls in bus terminals. A third party burglarized the male billboard and passed along the offending remarks, along with some nasty comments about a second woman.

Soon a childish spat had blown into a full-fledged federal battle. The two women complained that the male-only billboard was sexually disgrounds for a libel suit, or, as criminatory and that the messages posted there constituted sexual harassment

The civil rights division of and the porcine manners it dis-plays offer a clear view of how the computer-based "virtual of Title IX, which forbids sexneighborhood" has been dras- ual discrimination in schools that receive federal funds.

Santa Rosa and the government are now in a dispute over dents say on-line. The government. A settlement could take years to reach.

It was an article of faith that the information superhighway would transform workaday life. The information superhighway - say it three times, click your heels, and you would have any movie you wanted on demand, be examined by your doctor without leaving your bed of pain, find yourself on a planet that had become a cozy little virtual neighborhood.

The clue was in mixed metaphor: You don't build a neighborhood on a superhighway. The promise of the virtual neighborhood has proved farfetched at best. How could it be otherwise when the commu-nicants are faceless and voiceless, many writing under assumed names?

Consider that the first verb cyberspace contributed to the language was "to flame," meaning to singe someone's evebrows with an obscene or derogatory message. Flaming of choice; whole sectors of the the Department of Education Internet are given over to the most putrid insults. A curse muttered on the street disap-pears into the air. A flame echoes on, to be read by millions.

The information superhighway may yet rise to its lofty promise. But as of now, its most pronounced accomplishment has been to chisel into stone trash that would better have been left to disappear. The New York Tunes.

## Times Get Tougher and Morals Get Toughest

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia — Oliver North, in a close race for a Senate seat, is a moral hero to many of my neighbors here in Virginia.

Although he has encountered criticism in recent days for intemperate remarks about American preparedness in the Gulf, those remarks are no more likely to hurt him than are his frequent, welldocumented lies. The local paper gets lots of letters praising him for uprightness, for a sense of honor, for exemplary character. When his opponent, Senator Charles Robb, called him a liar, he easily

brushed aside the charge.

Mr. North got away with this because Mr. Robb has pretty much admitted to being an adulterer. For Mr. North's admirers, the crucial test of moral character is sexual behavior. In their eyes, Mr. Robb's infidelities are enough to show his unfitness for office. It is also enough to show that he is, at bottom, weak.

Like most voters in Virginia, I got a letter from Mr. North telling me that he would greatly value both my advice and a contribution to his campaign. The very first sentence of this long letter men-tioned that his opponent — "the liberal son-in-law of Lyndon Johnson" — favored letting gays serve in the military.

This was no doubt the right way to rivet the attention of the people Mr. North is counting on A homosexual is, in their eyes, a paradigm of moral weak-ness and of the defilement that is the penalty for such weakness.

A man who owes his political success to family influence is clearly weaker than By Richard Rorty

someone who, like Oliver North, can claim to be self-made. A liberal is someone with a bleeding heart -someone too soft to experience icy contempt for those weak enough to accept welfare checks. Mr. North, by contrast, comes across

to his admirers as hard, strong and pure. He does not use the words "strength" or "purity" much himself, but these words leap to his supporters' lips. These virtues are prized when times are hard. When we have what we need and expect

to get more, the virtues of charity and compassion sometimes take their place. During the Martin Luther King years. the American middle class was making more money every year and was able to feel sympathy for the weak. The moral achievements of those years were made possible by prosperity. Mr. Robb remembers the difference his father-in-

alleviated unnecessary suffering. Mr. North's sense of America is of a strong and valiant nation that should have no patience with weakness. When he looks around, he does not see unnecessary suffering but rather confusion and spinelessness — things that a military officer cannot tolerate. So he proclaims the need for more prisons, stiffer sentences, more discipline, more hard work.

Addressed to middle-class voters, whose average real income has been steadily declining for years, this is probably the only rhetoric that will work.

Virginia may elect the most preposterous U.S. senator since the notorious racist Theodore Bilbo, but not because it is a poor, ignorant, Bible-thumping state. It has areas of grinding poverty, but it is. as a whole, wealthier and better educated

than most of the country. If Virginia elects Mr. North, it will be because the suburban middle class who form, here as elsewhere, the majority of the people who get out and vote - is

scared stiff, and has every reason to be. Its sacrifices to pay college tuition will not necessarily be rewarded by comfortable white-collar jobs for its children. Its hard work is probably not going to pay off in rising income. Its moral upright-

ness may go unrewarded.

Mr. North has no ideas about how to provide such rewards - about how to make the country more prosperous - any more than do Senator Bob Dole and Representative Newt Gingrich, his powerful supporters. All any of them are likely to do is block President Bill Clinton's programs

and then sneer at his weakness. It is a bad augury for a democracy when "strength" and "weakness" become the main terms of praise and blame for its leaders. The world has had experience with what happens when a middle class's expectations are disappointed, and when it starts looking to strong, valiant men whose hearts never bleed.

The writer, professor of humanities at the University of Virginia, is author of "Objectivity, Relativism and Truth." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Albania and the Greeks

Greek origin were found guilty

Regarding "Albania's Show Trial Looks Like a Perilous Provocation of Athens" (Opinion, Oct. 7) by Nicholas Gage: The five Albanian citizens of

by the Tirana Court and the appeal court of arming people of the Greek minority with weapons bought with Greek government funds and smuggled from Greece into Albania; of illegal arms possession; of organizing the registration of ethnic Greeks from Albania in military schools in Greece without the consent and knowledge of the Albanian government; and of transferring classified information on the Albanian military to the Greek secret service - all with this service's collusion. The five had an open, dent court. Videotaping of the interrogation made public by the prosecutor tarnished claims by the defendants of being tortured or intimidated. These allegations were declared invalid by the high commissioner on national minorities of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Max Van

Albania provided an open tri-al attended by Greek members and their own political party, the

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of Parliament and officials. Human Rights Union. There are last week, the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, who was chairing, declared that "the trial procedures observed Albanian law and there was no tendency to influence the courts in Albania." At this meeting Greece, at odds with the other 11 member nations, again blocked financial

aid to Albania. It is regrettable to see the Greek minority in Albania becoming an instrument of questionable policies of Athens and of hypernationalist elements of the Greek lobby in the United States. Almost every interna- percent of the total electorate. tional delegation and fact-finding mission visiting Albania and its Greeks has determined that ing minority rights in important factor of stability. compliance with modern Westem standards. This minority en-

Der Stoel, who had met private- move freely to Greece (so far as pansionism, the real threat to ly with the defendants before Greece let them in), they hold peace in our region and Europe. unrestricted religious services.

Western diplomats and internative clected representatives of tional press observers. At the this party in the Albanian Parliameeting of European Union for- ment. There are four Albanian eign ministers in Luxembourg members of Parliament from other parties, as well as councillors, mayors, district chiefs, min-

> belong to the Greek minority. The size of this ethnic group has been hyperbolically projected just like the figure of Albanians working in Greece. A reliable index would be the vote gathered by their party in the last three free, nationwide elec-tions. The Human Rights - that represents less than I

isters, ambassadors and Consti-

tutional Court judges, who

With regard to Tirana's regional policy, one cannot overlook the fact that with its moderate policy and influence, its Modern-Day Line regime the situation of the Greek respect for the CSCE commitminority has improved tremen- ments, its support for the interdously and that the current gov- national community and ernment is committed to respect- NATO, Albania has become an

Nationalistic policies in Athens, the recent Macedonian joys all rights foreseen in the blockade and the current dis-CSCE Copenhagen Charter. blockade and the current dis-pute with Albania, constitute, Ethnic Greeks in Albania can along with Serbian military ex-GENC POLLO.

Adviser to the president of Albania. Tirana.

#### More to the Picture

Regarding "At 86, a Photographer Looks Back" (Features, Oct. 1) by Mary Anne Fitzgerald:

The writer pays a long overdue tribute to the photojournalist George Rodger, the unsung co-founder of the international cooperative photo agency Magnum. However, there is one omission. Following the death in childbirth of Cicely, George's first wife, a young American journalist named Lois ("Jinx") Witherspoon joined George on his travels. She has never left his side. Together they have creat-Union scored the highest result in July 1992 with 49,000 votes the English village of Smarden the English village of Smarden, Kent; they now have three children and three grandchildren.

JOHN G. MORRIS.

Regarding "Maybe a Vote for Change" (Opinion, Oct. 6): All the political analyses and polls have overlooked the real determining factor in the upcoming German election: Rudolf Scharping's beard. No democratic country in the world, I believe, has an elected

leader with a beard. (Another

reason, perhaps, for the isola-tion of Fidel Castro?) MARVIN SPEVACK. Münster, Germany.

#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott The most discussed deal of mond and led a spade. He could not be prevented from scoring Championship, shown in the diagram, saw a variety of doubled contracts coming home. At many tables, East opened with a weak two-spade bid and played that contract doubled after South had passed his partner's take-out double for penalties. That contract sometimes

with best defense.

At a few tables North-South landed in five clubs doubled, which could not be defeated. And in one case, as shown, South was in the weird contract of three hearts doubled. West VK8765 had passed his partner's opening because the opening was ilmited to 15 high-card points. He then felt on firm ground in doubling three hearts, and was disappointed to find that the contract was unbeatable.

A spade was led to the ace, and a club was led to the jack. The diamond ace was cashed and a diamond was ruffed. 1 • Dummy was entered again in 2 4 clubs for a second diamond Pass ruff. Finally South ruffed a

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By Tom Clancy. 766 pages. \$25.95. Putnam.

Reviewed by Judy Shelton

TOM CLANCY'S latest work is a boomer. If you thought that currency turmoil, bond market volatility, trade wars, financial panic and eco-nomic collapse were dull stuff, you will be pleased to find that Clancy serves it all up in a most entertaining format. Unfortu-nately, the villain of this story is Japan — not exactly a diplomatic touch during these sensitive days of negotiations with

our vital trade partner. The premise of "Debt of Honor" is that leading members of Japan's powerful indushave never really gotten over the humiliating defeat of World War II. Now they feel victimized by America's treatment of them in the business arena:

 David Owen, circulation director of the Guardian newspaper in London, is reading "Iron Lady," Hugo Young's biography of Margaret Thatcher.

Having not started out as a

great fan of Margaret Thatcher's, with the distance of time I've learned to respect some of the decisions she made. This is an objective book which allows me to look at her with more (Erik Ipsen, IHT)



they trick us into investing our money there, they complain tionist U.S. legislation inflicted when we do, they cheat us at trial cabal, portrayed as the true every turn, they keep what we cial interests. Ships loaded with force behind the government, give to them for their property. Japanese-made autos rest at anand then they steal back what we've bought."

Japan's desire to garner some global respect and reassert its rightful place in the world order they not?" observes the group's hatchet in the post-Cold War nation under siege to do?

ringleader, Raizo Yamata, with era, leaving a superpower void righteous indignation. "Today of sorts. In the meantime, Japan has just been hit hard by protecby politicians beholden to spechor in U.S. ports, their cargo unloaded, awaiting interminably slow safety inspections. A strike against Japan's abili-

ty to export is a threat to its very "Today they devalue the dol- comes at a time when Russia survival — a point Clancy lar relative to the yen, and our and the United States have makes clear, not without empaassets are trapped there, are agreed to bury the nuclear thy. What's a former imperialist

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sary to stand up to Japanese computer virus. forces when they proceed to invade Saipan and Guam.

occasionally gave the president a dressing-down.)

chestrating a massive sell-off of U.S. Treasury bonds from the portiolios of Asian banks, the Japanese tycoon precipitates a

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"Debt of Honor" posits a Jalargest mutual funds start of trade sanctions and a shaky pan that has managed to arm dumping their currency-sensi-governing coalition in Tokyo itself with, you guessed it, tive bank stocks, and the Dow (not to mention revelations nukes. And wouldn't you know, starts dropping like a stone. concerning the transfer of shortsighted U. S. officials have Well, you get the picture. The weapons-grade plutonium techcut military spending to the crisis is further exacerbated nology to Japan and suicide point where America can no when all records of market flights into prominent Wash-

For all its fictional flourishes, tion. ade Saipan and Guam. there is a real-life message in Into the fray comes our hero, Clancy's latest novel that Into the fray comes our hero, Clancy's latest novel that Judy Shelton, a senior re-Jack Ryan, who has been en-should not be ignored. Ex-search fellow at the Hoover Insti-ticed back into government ser-change-rate turmoil can be the tution at Stanford University and vice as the president's national first warning sign of deeper, the author of "The Coming Sovisecurity adviser after a brilliant more serious tensions over et Crash" and "Money Meltinterim stint as an investment trade and financial relations, down," wrote this for The Washbanker. (And you thought he and trade wars can be the pre-ington Post. was just a high-level spook who cursor to real wars. True to form, Clancy is me-

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# A Visit to the 3 Cultures of Singapore

By Philip Shenon New York Tones Service

NGAPORE — No one is quite sure whether Singapore's tourism industry was helped or hindered by the furor that put the city-state on the map for millions of Americans. Last spring, the caning of Michael P. Fay, an American teenager accused of spray-painting cars, outraged the Clinton administration and human rights groups. A Dutch engineer was hanged last month after her-

oin was found in his luggage at the airport.
The incidents reminded travelers that the Singapore government is serious about keeping the city safe and clean. This may be the only nation that has banned both handguns and chewing gum, the latter because it can jam subway doors. The city's other attractions - including fine restaurants and shopping, and spectacular tropical gardens — make it one of the most popular Southeast Asian destinations. It can be a fine place to relax for a few days between visits to other cities - a break after the smoggy exoticism of Bang-kok, Jakarta or Manila.

One of the major accomplishments of Singapore's government is the sense of harmony that it has fostered among the three ethnic groups that make up most of the island's population: the numerically dominant Chinese, the Malays and the Indians. The festivals of all three groups are times for national celebration.

On Oct. 24, the Indian community celebrates Thimithi, an annual fire-walking ceremony honoring Draupadi, heroine of the epic Indian poem "Mahabharata." Draupadi supposedly proved her chastity by walking on fire, so her worshipers repeat the feat by strolling across red-hot embers. The fire-walking is at the Sri Mar-

Through Nov. 4, tens of thousands of Chinese Taoists will make their annual pilgrimage to nearby Kusu Island and the temple of Da Bo Gong, the god of prosperity. The worshipers carry offerings of brilliantly colored flowers, candles and joss sticks. The island is served by a ferry

from the Singapore World Trade Center. Through Nov. 13, the National Museum is sponsoring Singapore's first major exhibition of Indian art, including scores of works on loan from the National Museum of India. Many of the objects, from 3000 B. C. to A. D. 1900, include stone, bronze and terra-cotta figures of Hindu deities. The highlight is the coffin in which relics of the Lord Buddha were found in

Along the Singapore River, the Empress Place Museum, which offers rotating exhibits on Chinese culture, is showing relics of Chinese city life from the Song, Yuan and Ming dynasties.

Once renowned for wild night life, the city now promotes G-rated attractions. The government endorses only one type of nocturnal wildlife: the kind found in the Singapore Zoological Gardens, which this year opened the Night Safari, billed as the world's first nighttime zoo. It is an impressive effort to showcase twilight-loving creatures, including Nepalese rhinoceroses, Malayan tigers and the aptly named Asian sloth bears, at their most energetic (which, in the case of the sloth bears, is not

very).
Subtle bluish lighting makes it possible to see the animals clearly without disturbing them. The trip through the 100-acre (40-hectare) zoo, at 80 Mandai Lake Road and open from 7:30 P.M. to midnight, can be made by foot or on an open-sided electric tram. The 45-minute tram tour is

iamman Temple on South Bridge Road conducted by guides trained to pounce on beginning at about 4 P. M. conducted by guides trained to pounce on any visitor who dares to break the zoo's unbreakable rule: no flash cameras, which might spook the animals. The animals are separated from visitors by moats and other natural boundaries, and they have a relatively large space to roam. A ticket for the Night Safari is \$12, children \$8.

For those who prefer feathered beasts, the Jurong Bird Park has more than 4,000 birds, spread over 50 acres. The walk-in aviary has a 98-foot-high (30-meter) waterfall at one end. The park is on Jurong Hill.

With Singapore's year-round tropical heat, evening can also be the best time for a stroll on Sentosa Island, just off the southern coast, which the government's forward-thinking planners set aside in 1967 as a recreation center and amusement park. Private cars are banned.

The island can be reached by bus, ferry or, best of all, by cable car from the station atop Mount Faber. The cable car offers a spectacular view of Singapore's futuristic

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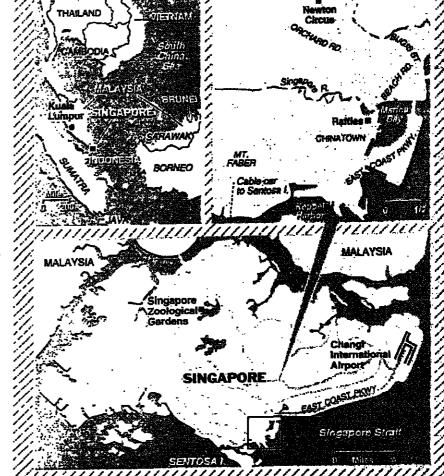
■ Coming out of retirement, George Bush has agreed for a fee to sign 750 "collectible" cards for Michigan-based Box Score, The Washington Post tells us. The card features a painting of a photograph of Bush meeting with Baseball Hall of Fame president Ed Stack in the Oval Office in 1989, and 10,000 of them were printed that year. The owners who get the first 750 cards to the company get the signature for \$195. The company believes Bush's fee (not reported) is going to charity.

world's busiest container ports. The round-trip cable car ride costs \$4.35 (\$3 for children) and there is an additional admission charge to Sentosa of \$3.35 (\$2 for children). The best of Sentosa's attractions is Underwater World, an aquarium in which visitors walk through acrylic tunnels that snake along the bottom of gigantic fish tanks.

Singapore has some of the best Chinese. Malay and Indian food anywhere outside China, Malaysia or India, and the Western food can also be world-class. Two of the finest Chinese restaurants in the city are in the Goodwood Park Hotel, at 22 Scotts Road, 737-7411. The hotel's Chang Jiang Shanghai restaurant is very formal, with plates of food brought out for viewing before they are returned to the kitchen to be portioned out into individual servings. The vast menu includes every sort of delicacy offered by formal Shanghai cuisine, which stresses natural flavors.

The hotel's Min Jiang Szechuan restaurant, decorated in traditional Chinese style, with Oriental screens and paintings set in a room of pastel green, is one of the most popular restaurants in Singapore. Spicy sautéed scallops with dried red chili (\$16) and shredded beef with red and green pepper (\$8) are delicious. In Chang Jiang, the price of dinner for two with wine will be about \$65, slightly less in Min

Jiang. What is offered in the Goodwood Park is fancy Chinese food in a fancy hotel. For a true Singaporean dining experience, visit one of the open-air centers where hawkers sell their specialties from small booths. The simple stir-fry stands, which offer noodles and satay, tend to serve up the best fare, and there are always several choices of tropical fruit for dessert. Diners eat on tables and stools scattered among



the booths. A satisfying meal for two need hawkers' centers is the one at Newton Circus, at the top of Scotts Road.

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# Eat, Drink and Gamble: A 36-Hour Cruise to Nowhere

By William Grimes New York Times Service

EW YORK - Travel on the open ocean has always suggested a potent blend of romance. mystery and adventure, three words not associated with New Jersey. Yet that's the unseen land that beckons off the bow on the two-day "cruises to nowhere" that regularly depart New Ships leave the Hudson River docks,

float serenely southward, not much farther offshore than a crab pot. A day later, their screws turning slowly, they turn right around and, with due deliberation, make their way back to New York.

The point is to step aboard a full-fledged ocean liner on a Friday afternoon, then eat, drink and gamble, gamble, drink and eat, take in a few floor shows, and return 36 hours later totally sated. Several cruise lines offer the quick get-

aways when their ships' schedules permit. Carnival Lines got in on the act when the ly. The company offered cruises to nowhere before the ship began its regular schedule of cruises in the Caribbean.

The Fascination, a gleaming white be-hemoth, is billed as "70,367 tons of fun."

My wife, Nancy, and I signed on, booking a cabin for \$650, a price that included all meals (but not liquor) and entertainment.

The fun began on a sweltering Friday afternoon. At a shipside processing station we were issued plastic shipboard credit cards. The cards were good everywhere except in the casino. (For drink orders, a 15 percent tip was automatically added on.) At a second station, we received our plastic key-cards. We ascended the gangplank and stepped aboard. For the next 36 hours, the Fascination

would be our world. We came to know, intimately, its glittering promenade level, its outdoor decks and pools, its fabulous discos, its innumerable slot machines, its seven-story atrium, its many bars and tall pastel drinks, although not its topless sun deck. The Fascination sparkles, shines, glitters and flashes. It is an all-out assault on the body's fun receptors.

Our cabin was admirably laid out, spacious and comfortable, with an unexpectedly soothing color scheme of gray and salmon. A closed-circuit television system broadcast an orientation film, one first-nm could pick up on satellite. At one point, passengers could take in an Inuit-language program from Canada showing the ins and outs of polar-bear hunting.

The Fascination is governed by a Holly-

wood theme. When passengers stroll along the promenade level, dubbed Hollywood Boulevard, they can duck into the Beverly Hills Bar, the Diamonds Are Forever Disco, the Passage to India Lounge (that's the one with two models of elephants inside). the Puttin' on the Ritz Theater and the

Casino Royale, nerve center of the ship. The effect was a little like moving through a life-size board game, with light and sound effects added on, or living inside a giant pinball machine. Elsewhere along the promenade, a life-size Dooley Wilson tickled the ivories of a player piano as Bogey looked on.

Wilson and Bogey were not alone. Here and there, Hollywood's greatest legends popped up in pairs. Outside the Passage to India Lounge, Elvis Presley (slim phase) and Liz Taylor (ditto) engaged in casual conversation. Sometimes the mannequins blended right into a small group of chattering passengers, drinks in hand, oblivious to the frozen celebrities in their midst.

The effect was unnerving, but nothing to compare with the ship's architectural centerpiece, its mall-like atrium, an eye-popneon lights and shiny marble, rising six stories from the Empress Level to the skylight that sits atop the sun deck. Along a faceted pillar, a clear glass elevator outlined in blue neon carried passengers up and

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down, as they moved restlessly from the Coconut Grove Bar and Grill to the mall shops to the swimming pool with water slide to the massage and loofah rooms.

My wife and I boarded too late for "fun quiz time" in the Palace Lounge, and our exploratory wanderings caused us to miss the Friday evening Rum Swizzle Party. But not to worry. On Saturday morning, after breakfast in our cabin, a smorgasbord of cultural activities awaited before noon. We had our choice of a trivia quiz, horseracing shipboard-style, a tour of the bridge, arts and crafts lessons, body conditioning and trap shooting. We chose the horseracing. You put your money down, watch wooden horses advance with a roll of the dice and, more often than not, lose.

After lunch, we headed to the Palace Lounge for the Newly Wed and Not So Newly Wed Game. This amateur version of the TV show relied on volunteers, which made for some dread-filled moments as the beady eye of the ship's entertainment director scanned the audience for couples who looked as though they would be mortally mbarrassed by questions rife with sexual innuendo. Slinking low in our seats, we survived the cut and rather enjoyed seeing the couples on stage squirm.

Invigorated, we raced to the Lido Deck, where an ice carving demonstration was in

progress at the poolside bandstand. Alas, we arrived too late, or the day was too warm. Either way, only a puddle of water remained. There was no time to pout. As waiters circulated among the deck chairs offering a lime-colored drink called Twilight Zone, another shipboard funmeister organized a gladiator contest on the bandstand that required beefy young men to sit astride a gymnastic horse and pummel each other with pillows. If you have a firm grip on a Twilight Zone, this could qualify as entertainment.

T night, in the Puttin' on the Ritz Lounge, crew members throw off their daytime identities and reveal themselves in full splendor in the ship's Las Vegas-style revues. The production values are remarkably high. The first night's show, "Fascinatin' Broadway," took a tour of current hit musicals, with high-kicking by the Fascination Dancers and some pretty soulful singing by Christopher Alan Graves. The cast returned on Saturday with "Hollywood!," which ended in a retina-searing display of multicolor strobe effects.

My wife and I sampled the cultural offerings in between long stints in the Casino Royale, a venue I approached with something like reverence, having passed through a period of Ian Fleming worship in my formative years. Lured by the flashing lights of 200 slot machines, the rattle of the roulette ball making its final turns around the wheel, the heady atmosphere of the gaming table, I entered the Casino Royale and scanned the room, looking for the chemin de fer table. There was no chemin de fer. If there were, I would have had no idea how to play it, so perhaps it was all to the good. The Casino Royale offered the basics: slots, poker machines, roulette, blackjack and various forms of poker. At the roulette-table, I proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the odds do indeed favor the house. At blackjack, I was wiped out in minutes. It was a sub-Bond experience.

There was always solace in food, of course. A passenger determined to extract full value for money could strap on the feedbag at the crack of dawn and graze nonstop into the wee hours, when the ship laid on back-to-back buffets.

By Sunday morning, a subdued atmosphere had overtaken the ship. Even the triathletes who had given their best and could do no more. The great white whale of totally mindless fun had been stalked, harpooned and vanquished. Work was looking pretty attractive.

### THE MOVIE GUIDE

**Heavenly Creatures** Directed by Peter Jackson.

New Zealand, Described by its 33-year-old director as "a murder story about love, a murder story with no villains," this film is based on a notorious case that occurred in New Zealand in the '50s. It relates the unfolding of a passionate friendship between two schoolgirls and their final decision, when faced with permanent separation, to kill one of their mothers. Pauline Parker (Melanie Lynskey) appears a rather dull and dowdy individual until Juliet

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Hulme (Kate Winslet), an attractive, sharp, precociously sophisticated (but, in reality, vulnerable) English girl arrives in the same classroom (her well-to-do parents hav-ing just moved to Christ-church). Though seemingly wildly different, both are highly creative misfits and find an instant rapport. Together they invent a mythical medieval kingdom, Borovnia, about which they write a series of novels, and resolve to run away to Hollywood to become famous scriptwriters. Peter Jackson has confessed to having had profound mis-

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givings about making "Heavenly Creatures," since both main protagonists and many others involved are still alive. but decided to go ahead when it became clear that other, sensationalized treatments were about to be shot. Happily, in this meticulously researched version, which makes dexterous use of Pauline's and Juliet's diaries, letters and novels, the psychological complexities of the story are treated with an intelligence, subtlety and delicacy seldom witnessed on the screen. The giddy exuberance of the girls friendship and the hectic blossoming of their artistic talents in a rigid, class- and convention-bound society are masterfully captured, and both Lynskey and Winslet give mesmerizing performances. And, though the denonement is tragic, there are many amusing, even

The Scout Directed by Michael Ritchie.

As a baseball movie, Michael

Ritchie's "The Scout" resem-

bles less the realistic jock

style of "Bull Durham" or "The Pride of the Yankees"

than the fantastical tradition

of "Field of Dreams" and

"The Natural." But even in

this dotty company, "The

Scout" qualifies as a genuine

— and immensely enjoyable — curiosity. The main pro-

tagonist here is Al Percolo

(Albert Brooks), a scout for

the New York Yankees. Al's

job is to beat the bushes for

new talent, but lately his luck has ranged from bad to atro-

cious. As punishment for

signing a young pitcher

whose only accomplishment

is to throw up on the mound.

Al is sent by his boss (played

with sinister relish by Lane

Smith) to Mexico, where

goats casually graze in the outfield. In one town,

hilarious moments, in a film

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kid Steve Nebraska (Brendan Fraser), who throws so hard that he routinely knocks the catcher and the umpire on their behinds. Realizing that Steve, who also hits like Babe Ruth, could be the greatest ballplayer who ever lived, Al moves quickly to sign him up and get him to New York. Though the film is anything but realistic, the exaggerations at its end - complete with "Rocky"-style flourishes from composer Bill Conti seem too extreme even for fantasy. Maybe it's impossible for a Hollywood sports picture not to resort to pandering big-game clichs. But, until the end, everything in this oddball item is so delightfully unexpected that the impossible seems within (Hal Hinson, WP)

River Wild

Directed by Curtis Hanson.

That Meryl Streep muscles her way down "The River Wild" is an active response to the ebbing tide of worthy roles for actresses over 45. Portraying a former whitewater rafter turned suburban wife, the actress wrestles rapids and paddle-whips psychopaths to save her loved ones after a family vacation goes awry. She is woman, see her oar. Curtis Hanson directs this routine action thriller, which like his earlier film "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" turns on an intruder's attempt to insinuate himself into the family by duping Mom. The film would be utterly banal without the novelty of the high-toned Streep in an action role. The fact that she makes a believable Supermom, however, is totally irrelevant to action audiences. which are made up mostly of men who don't cotton to the idea of a woman rescuing her man from another man.
(Rita Kempley, WP)

# Funky '50s, Dangerous Liaisons

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS — It was the most fabulous fashion happening since Eve put on her fig leaf. In the center of the studio a hunky, half-naked guy sipped Cham-pagne in a 1950s Oldsmobile. Upstairs, there was a platinumblonde Madonna on a chinoiserie sofa, and the French actress Arielle Dombasle perching on an antique bed in which a tattooed male was stripped down to his Calvin Klein underpants.

And only a brief 90 minutes to wait (Madonna didn't) for John Galliano's show to start. Vroom! A white Chevrolet

Paris Pashion

drove in off the street and out stepped a gorgeous creature, walking with that sucked-in stomach greyhound look of 1950s haute couture.

The clothes were like that too - a houndstooth dress molded and draped above the tight long skirt, the model bending into a black-and-white image of a Jacques Fath outfit photographed by Irving Penn. And there was Linda Evangelista giving pho-tographer Steven Meisel a twirl in her Balmain-esque tulleskirted gown with a swan-lake bodice of primrose feathers.

"He's such a wonderful cutter," breathed Béatrice de Rothschild, eyeing a Vionnet-style black dress, with butterfly shapes sewn into bias-cut seams. "That coat!" said Paloma Pi-

casso, of a kimono creation

with vast obi-sash bow. and now. There was just one problem with the British designer Gal-

liano's funky, witty, brilliantly crafted high-camp couture. He was supposed to be showing ready-to-wear.

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Vivienne Westwood's poke bonnet with piqué dress.

Vivienne Westwood's fashion history lesson was a sly, tonguein-chic glance at the past.

favorite winged shoulders.

the 1990s need clothes for here knits, dainty Liberty print dresses or all on its own with a

unique rear view.

It was a show that suggested what Gainsborough's be-furbe-

Behind the bustles, the phallic shoes and the saucy allure given to the prim poke bonnet, there was a collection of delectable clothes, especially the lacy knits, the fresh summer dresses in striped cotton or pique and the tailored jackets.

"Sex — was it sexy?" asked Westwood, who took her bow wearing one of the cages with a rear view of a brief bodysuit. "It was my stand against mediocrity in fashion, where everyone looks a shapeless mess," she said. "Eroticism is about concealing as much as revealing and the show was about changing the zones."

Karl Lagerfeld's show Thursday was an attempt to be Modern with a capital M. It contained some of the most hideous colors and prints under the sun, men mooning down the runway after the model legend Veruschka and starry jackets.

Since "Sun, Moon and Stars" is Lagerfeld's latest fragrance, the finale of the show had silver solar embroideries on pastel dresses opening over shorts. They were an improvement on jersey second-skin dresses, mixing bilious green, bubble-gum pink, manure brown and electric blue and with daubed prints that would be hard to praise if a toddler brought them back

from playschool. But the jackets were splendid, shaped to the body with a cunning jigsaw of seams. Techno fabrics and the barsh colors suggested that Lagerfeld was reaching for a millennial futurism. Between the remantic nostalgia of his Chloe collection and this brash modernity, there

ought to be a middle way.

Knitwear seems to be an emerging story this spring-sum-mer season. Sonia Rykiel made her models into sweater girls. giving a glamour to curving "Dangerous Liaison jacket" lowed beauties were up to off the knits and even embroidering read the program to describe a canvas. Frilled necklines the outline of a bra in sequins. fitted jacket with this season's swooped low; Westwood's signature corsets pushed bosoms making layered cardigans and high; skirts that might once have sweaters for day into evening.

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Bruges
Groeningemuseum, tel: (50) 34-79-59, open daily. Continuing/To Nov. 15: "Hans Memiling: Five Centu-ries of Reality and Fiction."

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Britten Plus Festival, tel: (728) 45-35-43. Oct. 20 to 23. Focuses on the relationship between Benjamin Britten and French composers Darius Milhaud and Francis Poulenc. Includes performances of Poulenc's "Dialogue des Carmelites" and Milhauda "Chanta Ma 2000 and Milhauda "Chanta Ma 2000 and Milhauda" "Chanta Ma 2000 and Milhauda "Chanta Ma 2000 a lhaud's "Quartet No. 3. London

English National Opera, tel: (71) 836-3161. A revival of "The Magic Flute," directed by John Abulaira, conducted by Martyn Brabbins/Alex Ingram (from Nov. 19), with Neil Archer/Thomas Randle, Rebecca Caine/Gillian Webster and Quentin Hayes/Alan Ople. Oct. 20, 26, 29, Nov. 2, 5, 8, 10, 12 and 17. Hayward Gallery, tel: (71) 928-3144, open daily. Continuing/To Jan. 8: "The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990."

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National Gaitery, tel: (71) 839-3321, open daily, To Dec. 4:
"Themes and Variations: Ideas Persorified." Thirty allegorical paintings that depict abstract concepts in human form. Includes personifications of Charity by Cranach, Van Dyck and

of Charity by Cranach, Van Dyck and Reynolds, as well as the "Four Ages of Man" by Nicolas Lancret. National Portrait Gallery, tel: (71) 839-3526, open daily. To Jan. 22: "The Sitwells and the Arts of the 1920s and "30s." Celebrates the lives and art of Edith, Osbert and Sacheverell Sitwell, with family portraits and other works reflecting their association with the Bloomsbury Group, the Ballets Russes and other contemporary artists.

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Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 494-5615, open daily. Continuing/To Dec. 14: "The Giory of Venice: Art in the 18th Century."

Tate Gallery, tel: (71) 887-8000, open daily. To Jan. 8: "James McNeffl Whistier." 75 paintings and 120 works on paper emphasize particular themes: the Nocturnes, his works as a designer, the pastels and the full-length portraits. Includes "Nocturne in Black and Gold." described by John Ruskin as a "pot of paint flung in the public's face."

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Art Gallery of Ontario, tel: (416)
977-0414, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Dec. 31: "From Cézanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from The Barnes Foundation."

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The Royal Danish Opera tel: 33-3220-20. Prokofiev's "The Love for Three Oranges," directed by Fiernming Flindt, conducted by Jan Latham-Koenig, with John Laursen and Christian Christiansen/Stephen Milling. Oct. 18. 22. 25. New 10 and

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Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Con-temporain, tel: 42-18-58-50, closed Mondays. To Oct. 23: "Chuck Close: Huit Peintures Recentes." Oil paintings based on reproduction of photographs through the use of lines and

closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan. 9: "Gustave Calllebotte, 1848-1894." Also, to Jan. 2: "Nicolas Poussin." Grand Palais, tel: 44-13-171-17,

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On Oct. 16: "Europa, Europa: Das Jahrhundert der Avantgarde in Mittel-und Osteuropa." Kunst- und Ausstellungshatie, Vienna. On Oct. 16: "Salvador Dati: il Surrea-ilsmo nella Terza Dimensione e nel-l'Arte Grafica." Museo Santa Croce,

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On Oct. 16: "Robert Irwin." Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris. On Oct. 16: FIAC, the annual con-temporary art fair, featuring 160 gal-leries from around the world. Qual



Jeffrey Tate, who is conducting the "Ring" in Paris.

## Bayreuth on Seine: The 'Ring' Resumes

HE major musical project of the year in Paris, the complete production of Wagner's "Der Ring des Nibelungen" by the Théâtre du Châtelet, begun in June with "Das Rheingold" and "Die Walkure," resumes Friday with "Siegfried" and Sunday with "Götter-dämmerung," both starting at 5 P. M. These final two parts of the tetralogy will be repeated on Oct. 21-23 and Oct. 27-29, completing "cycles" begun in the spring.

Then two more complete cycles will be done on a Bayreuthian time span, the first on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 4, 6, and the second on Nov. 8, 9, 11, 13. For those within reach of the radio antennas of France Musique, the final cycle will be broadcast,

either slightly delayed or direct.
The musical architect of this "Ring" is Jeffrey Tate, with Radio France's Orchestre National in the pit. It is Tate's first complete "Ring," yet he brings deep and varied experience to it. having been in on the musical preparation of the cycle under Georg Solti, among others, at Covent Garden, then assistant to Pierre Boulez for the centennial "Ring" at Bayreuth in 1976-80, an experience he credits with generating his own conducting career. Pierre Strosser is both stage director and set designer, with Patrice Cauchetier the costume designer.

A parallel event is "Wagner: Le Ring en Images," an exhibition open daily from Oct. 14 to Jan. 4, 10 A. M. to 8 P. M., in the Galerie Mansart of the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris. It consists of a large part of the Wagnerian library of Bruno Lussato, the largest private Wagner collection outside Bayreuth. The exhibition includes manuscripts, letters, annotated scores, printed scores and other published material, and a rich store of iconography.

David Stevens

Studies in St. Petersburg, illuminated manuscripts dating back to the 16th Padua tures, and copies of the Koran, docu-menting Islamic civilization.

Brücke-Museum, tel: (30) 831-8029, closed Tuesdays. Continu-ing/To Nov. 27: "Der Frohe Kan-

Darmstadt
Kunsthalle, tel: (6151) 89-11-84, closed Mondays. To Nov. 20: "Zhou-Brothers: Chinesische Symblose: Vier Hande, Zwei Broder, Ein Gemalde." Recent nonfigurative paintings by two contemporary Chinese brothers.

Lenbachhaus, tel: (89) 233-20-00, closed Mondays. To Nov. 27: "Tanzania." Features 400 pleces of traditional East African sculpture, some of which can be linked to Art Brut and to

contemporary trends in German

Stuttgart
Staatsgalerie, tel: (711) 212-4050, closed Mondays. To Jan. 8: "Max Beckmann: Melsterwerke aus St. Louis." On loan from the St. Louis Museum, paintings by the German artist. Features the triptych "Die Akrobaten," painted during his Amsterdam exile after he fied Nazi Germany

#### ISRAEL

Jerusalen The Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To Nov. 15: "John Heartfield." Anti-Nazi satirical photo-montages created between 1930 and montages created between 1930 and 1938 by the German artist who fought against Nazism, capitalism and war. Also, to Jan. 9: "Camille Pissarro: Impressionist Innovator." A retrospective of 125 oil paintings by the French Impressionist, from early terrificate to twelfte permetted in drawings to works completed in 1944, the year of his death.

Palazzo della Ragione, tel: (49) 820-5008, open daily. To Dec. 26: "Luca Carlevaris e la Veduta Vene-ziana del Settecento." Nearly 100 works by the Venetlan painter and etcher who painted scenes of Venice for foreign visitors, as well as paint-ings by his successors, including Ca-naletto and Guardi. tto and Guardi.

ing/To Nov. 27: "Der Frohe Kandinsky." More than 100 paintings, drawings and prints dating back to the years 1900 to 1910, before the beginning of his abstract work.

Dermstadt

Kunsthalle, tel: (6151) 89-11-84, Closed Mondays. To Nov. 20: "Zhou-knothers: Chinesische Symblose: Route Andrew Control of the County of the Coun and Foujita, as well as a bronze by

Palazzo Fortuny, tel: (41) 715-597, closed Mondays. To Jan. 6: "New Pop: Illustrazione Americana." An exhibition of the new tendencies in American illustration: comics, caricatures, books and record covers and

#### JAPAN

Yokohama Yokohama Museum of Art, tel: (45) 221-0300, closed Thursdays. To Nov. 6: "Onchi Koshiro: A Poet of Colors and Forms." Features 280 works, including prints, book designs, photographs, drawings and oil paintings by the Japanese artist (1891-1955).

#### NETHERLANDS

Antstardam
Stedelijk Museum, tel: (20) 5732911, open daily. To Nov. 27: "Asger
Jorn." A retrospective of 100 paintings and drawings by the Danish artist (1914-1973). Jorn's color paintings are inhabited by mythical figures, strange animals and human faces.

"Nicholas and Alexandra: The Court of the Last Russian Czar." 600 objects including costumes, jewelry and portraits of members of the imperial family and other famous people of

#### SPAIN

Barcelona Fundació Joan Miro, tel: (93) 329-19-08, closed Mondays. To Nov. 20: "Erwin Bechtold: Painting - Graphics - Integration." A retrospective of the work of the German informalist painter. Includes 140 paintings, drawings, graphic works, as well as documents relating to the artist's in-

#### Madrid

Madrid
Fundació La Caixa, tél: (1) 43-54-833, closed Mondays, To Nov. 13:
"Kandinsky! Mondrian: Dos Caminos hacia la Abstraccion." Documents the parallels and differences between the two painters in their early phases. Both started as figurative painters atthough Kandinsky later developed an abstract style white Mondriana dopted a geometric idom.

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volvement with architecture

Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, tel: (91) 369-0151, closed Mondays. To Feb. 12: "El Siglo de Oro del Paisaje Holandes." More than 70 Duch paintings from the 16th and 17th centuries, including works by Rembrandt, Ruysdael, Meindert Hobberna and Javan Govern

#### SWEDEN

Stockholm Nationalmuseum, tel: (8) 666-42-50, closed Mondays, To Jan. 8: "Goya." 50 paintings and 60 prints on loan from the Prado Museum in Madrid, the National Gallery in Lon-don and the Metropolitan Museum in

#### SWITZERLAND

Causanne
Fondation de l'Hermitage, tel: (21)
320-50-01, open daily. Continuing/To Oct. 30: "Les Peintres de
Zborowski: Modigitani, Utrillo, Soutine et leurs Amis." 20 works each by
Modigitani and Soutine, landscapes
by Utrillo and several paintings by
Kisling.

Lugano
Museo Cantonale d'Arte, tel: (91)
22-93-56, closed Mondays. To Nov.
6: "Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot: Un
Sentimento Particolare del Paesagglo." Focuses on the relationship between the French painter and nature and the countryside.

#### UNITED STATES

High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 898-9284, closed Mondays. To Nov. 27: "William de Kooning." 50 paintings, drawings and sculptures from 1939 to 1985. Includes "Queen of Hearts." a portrait articipating de Kooning's mature figurative style; "Zurich," one of the abstract paintings of the late 1940s, and paintings and drawings from the "Women" series of the

#### New York

Cooper-Hewitt Museum, tel: (212) 860-6894, closed Mondays. To Feb. 26: "Good Offices and Beyond: The Evolution of the Workplace." Explores the major themes in the office environment - the management of time, numbers, paper and information.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, tel: (212) 570-3951, closed Mondays. To Dec. 31: "The Photographs of Edouard Baldus: Landscapes and Monuments of France." Photographs by the 19th-century artist including perpts from his survey of French historic monuments, landscapes and

Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays, To Jan. 3: "American Politicians." Examines how photography has lifus-trated and affected American politics. Features 150 photographs.

New York Public Library, tel: (212) 869-8089, closed Sundays. To Dec. 30: "The Raw and the Cooked: images of Food." A selection of 150 prints, drawings and photographs of edibles, including works by Darer

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, tel: (212) 423-3840, closed Mon-days and Tuesdays. To Jan. 29: "The Italian Metamorphosis, 1943-1968." A survey of Italian art at a time when the country became a leading exporter of culture, design and style. Paintings include works by Alberto Burri, Lucio Fontane and Piero Manzoni. Also features architectural mod-els, fashion, photography as well as furniture and experimental designs.

World Financial Center, tel: (212)

945-2600. To Dec. 4: "Celebrate Prague in New York." In different venues at the World Financial Center, a salute to Prague's visual arts, architecture, design, crafts, literature, music, dance and video. It includes an exhibition of Czech and Slovek independent of the state of the salute of PUSSIA

St. Petersburg

Hermitage Museum, tel: (812) 2198657, closed Mondays. To Oct. 30:

pendent art of 1984; installations for cusing on the relationship between politics, environment and people, and a 12-hour performance of 16th-to 20th-century music.

#### Cheese: Ask Patrick Rance cheese must come from his own farm and is reduced by the Milk Quota."

#### By Christopher Petkanas

ONDON - The late and formidable English food writer Jane Grigson hesitated to call Patrick Rance a guru - too suggestive of "a bearded sage sitting on a mountain or under a bo-tree." "Guru" conveyed pas-sivity, she felt. She preferred to call him a

Of what? Not of lager or vernacular pub grub or traditional Sunday lunch, all things worth championing, but of British and French cheese. Rance, 76, wrote the standard works on the subjects, "The Great British Cheese Book" and "The French Cheese Book" The chief irony and injustice of his 40-year commitment to the finest, most artisanal, most "succulent" (Rance's word) farmhouse cheeses is that the French book may never be translated into French. Rance's publisher tells him that French publishers say they can't

touch it because it's too big — 562 pages.
"It's got more in it than any of the others, I'll say that," Rance says. "The others" include all of the works by his French friend Pierre Androuet, a retired, second-generation Paris cheese-ager and seller with a holy reputation in cheese circles. "And it does attain my aim to give the state of French cheese from the mid to late '80s, before the worst effects of the EEC were felt."

Rance was referring to the EU's ruthless enforcement, starting in 1984, of the Milk Quota, which subsidizes volume; quality and diversity are the casualties. Under the Quota, he writes, "The farmer is prevented from expanding his cheese production because the milk supply for his

The factory cheesemakers, on the other hand, are untouched by the regulations. They can increase their milk supply at will. In this way the path was paved for such "old treasures" as the last artisanal Brie de Montereau disappearing from the roll call of French cheese, cutting into de Gaulle's reported complaint to Churchill about how impossible it was to govern a country with 246 or 265 or 324 or whatever number of cheeses. Curnonsky, who was elected Prince of Gastronomes in 1927, counted 483. By the time Rance finished researching his book, which was

than 750. "My book did not establish where things had happened, or where they are happening, which I feel is important," says Rance, "Because if you want to stage a cheese revival, you've got to know where the thing was made successfully before."

published in 1989, he had found more

CAREER soldier who served in the 58th Regiment and who retired as a major in 1949, Rance next worked in the Conservative Party's research office. When, in an economy drive, the party decided to eliminate his department, he started casting around for a new life. Opportunity ads in The Evening Standard described village high-street grocery stores as being just the thing for people in their declining years." Though this hardly applied to Rance and his equally cheese-loving wife, Janet — there were still children to come — they settled on a shop, Wells Stores, in Streat-

As Rance remembers, "The only thing

the shop stocked when we took it over was Edam, New Zealand Cheddar and Danish Blue. Now I don't know if you've ever had the misfortune to eat any of those in the form in which they're usually sold . . ."

By the late 1970s. Wells was offering 200 British, French, Swiss, Italian and Dutch varieties. "Our family grew with the number of cheeses," says Rance. "Seven children, 200 cheeses - think of it, that's almost 30 times more cheeses than children." His son Hugh, who eventually took over the shop, sold it a couple of years ago.

Rance's desert island cheese? Wrong if you guessed Saint-Nectaire. Rather, it is a mature cheddar made on the farm with unpasteurized milk. Pasteurization kills, almost 100 per cent of bacteria and, with it, the esters that determine flavor and fragrance. Esters are carried by plant oils into the body fat and mammary glands of cows, sheep, and goats. From there they are carried into milk and, finally, cheese. First of all there's the aroma." Rance says of his desert island cheddar, "which

you've got to smell as the cheese is cut, before it forms a protective skin - a rich. slightly sweet aroma. You know what a good French Beaufort smells like? It's not dissimular. To the touch this cheddar is: firm but not oppressively hard. And it has a fairly close texture. You can crumble it, it's not subbery. The initial taste on the tongue is just as rich as the aroma. There's a long aftertaste, as with wine."

Christopher Petkanas is the author of a history of the New York decorating firm Parish-Hadley, which will be published next

## Down and Dirty in Hollywood

#### By Kathryn Wexler Washington Post Service

OS ANGELES - Some would say the sun set long ago on Hollywood Boulevard, once a playground for every rising star. First the tawdry souvenir shops outnumbered the chichi boutiques. Then, to the cheesy delight of Hollywood-crazed tourists. bronze stars bearing the names of the famous who had stopped coming to the boulevard were slapped into the sidewalks. But it wasn't until prostitutes made the boulevard a red-light district and panhandlers came in droves that the fabled street seemed to sink to an all-time low.

That was before August 1994. Hollywood Boulevard has now descended to a level never before thought possible - four to nine inches below where it used to be, to

The trouble began with an unremarkable

plan to bore a large hole beneath the famed nine-block drag to make way for a spiffy new subway, one that would connect one end of sprawling Los Angeles to another. But Hollywood Boulevard's underpinnings are a veritable Pandora's box. Water mains got in the way of construction and broke. The workmen instantly ran into mushy soil that dribbled rather than hardened. Grouting around the tunnel that would normally keep soil from slipping and settling was used only in places.

Hence, an icon of American culture and one of the most recognizable streets anywhere began sagging around the edges.

The sinking in itself isn't catastrophic. Workmen scurried to make superficial repairs on the warped floors and inch-wide cracks that appeared in the stores lining the street after the nearly overnight plunge. Instead, it's the generators, the dust, the portable toilets, the traffic, the ripped-up sidewalks and the trenches that detract

#### from a stroll down Hollywood Boulevard.

Bart Sterling, owner of a storefront tour company-cum-Coca-Cola memorabilia shop, who has been doing business on the strip for 26 years, wonders if the merchants will be around long enough to reap the benefits of the subway once it's finished.
He said passengers on his Hollywood Fantasy Tour are down 80 percent since the work began about seven weeks ago.

Sterling has seen rosier times. "I was in-2,000 movies and a big star until I started this tour business," he said, next to a window displaying a 2-by-3-foot photo taken: more than 30 years ago of a handsome; young Sterling with low brows and a highhairline. He's weathered riots, earthquakes and economic downturn, but the Red Line subway might just be the clincher, he said.

"Nobody comes here anymore," Sterling said. "This is the most well-known street in the world, and it's just being ruined."

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#### By Brandon Mitchener

FRANKFURT - While Saddam Hussein's latest saberrattling sounds alarms in diplomatic and military circles, it is provoking groans among countries and companies that have been waiting four years to do

business with Baghdad. Those hopes, faint before, are now even fainter.

"When the trade sanctions are lifted, there's an enormous job to be done rebuilding the country's infrastructure," said Klaus-Dieter von Horn, a German Economics Ministry official in charge of Middle Eastern

affairs. "Of course everyone to 4 percent of Germany's over- the United Nations Security wants to get involved. A lot of companies will be interested."

Given the current situation, however, "the likelihood of the sanctions being lifted anytime soon has shrunk," he said.

Before sanctions were imposed in 1990, Germany was Iraq's single biggest source of imports, followed by the United States, Turkey, France, Britain and Japan. Those countries, along with Brazil and the Netherlands, were also the biggest recipients of Iraqi exports,

East accounts for only 3 percent Germany, which has no seat on cretion.

considered a strategic export priority because of its massive demand for telecommunications, construction, transportation and other services in which

German companies excel. German exports to Iraq fell from 2.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.4 billion) in 1989, before Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, to 69.4 million DM in 1993. Medical supplies, food and certain other goods are excluded from the embargo.

While trade with the Middle China and Russia, more than trade embargo with greater dis-

all foreign trade, the region is Council, to lobby that the fouryear-old trade sanctions be lifted. They have done so frequently, without success. The United States and Great Britain have opposed any easing of trade sanctions as long as Iraq re-

fused to recognize Kuwait. Sources said Iraq has been putting pressure on foreign companies to enter contracts now that would not take effect until the trade embargo is lifted. German companies are forbidden from conducting such forward contracts with Iraq, but Now, it has fallen to France, other countries enforce the

nas for foreign trade with Iraq is oil exploration. With around 100 billion barrels of petroleum reserves. Iraq has the world's second largest known supply of crude oil after Saudi Arabia.

In 1990, Iraq exported around 2 million barrels of crude oil worth an estimated \$10.2 billion, but oil exports came to a stop with the embargo, costing the country dearly.

Elf Aquitaine and Total, two French state-owned oil companies, have admitted to talking with Iraqi officials about possible business dealings once trade sanctions are lifted.

"We've never denied that

One of the most lucrative are-as for foreign trade with Iraq oil exploration. With around we've been talking with them," said a spokesman for Elf Aqui-taine, "but we'd never expect to do anything as long as the embargo is in place."

Many other companies, including some in the United States, are said to be conducting similar preliminary negotiations without talking about it openly.

In any case, Elf, Total and other companies deny already having signed contracts with Iraq to take effect later.

Another country with strong traditional ties to Iraq is Russia. Indeed, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and the head of the ministry's Middle East Department, Victor Posuvalyuk, who arrived in Bagdhad on Wednesday to act as mediators in the conflict, were quoted as saying they favored a lifting of the embargo. But the Moscow daily Izvestia, in an editorial published Wednesday, warned Russian President Boris Yeltsin — and other governments - not to rush to sign contracts without considering the stability of the

current regime.
"Oil talks with Iraqi delegates are now senseless because the embargo will probably not be lifted until Saddam yields power. If that happens and new people take the helm, they will probably want nothing to do with us," the newspaper wrote. "That will leave us not only with no repayment of outstand-ing debts, but no arms contracts and no oil contracts."

Many companies have apparently drawn the same conclusion and are keeping Iraq at arm's length until trade frictions are fully resolved. "The subject of Iraq has been dead since the sanctions were imposed," said Gustav Mayert, a spokesman for Siemens AG, Germany's biggest electrical engineering group.

Asian leaders who, in their

more exuberant moments, thought they could "solve the

Serbian atrocities in Bosnia, the

Basque problem, the income in-

equalities between northern

and southern Italy, the problem

of homelessness in rich societ-

ies, drug addiction, classroom

violence, vandalism and the ri-diculous health systems" in

Exports from East Asia are

widely blamed for displacing

domestic production in the

West, thus increasing domestic

Some Western politicians

and media commentators have

asserted that East Asian exports

are competitive because they

and underpaid and on labor

Mr. Lee said that in reality,

exports from Asian developing

countries make up less than 4

erated in the West.

unemployment and contribut-

ing to economic stagnation.

Western Farmer



Kenzaburo Oe outside his Tokyo home Thursday.

## **Excerpts From Novels**

Following are excerpts from the writings of Kenzaburo Oe. who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature on Thursday.
In this scene from the novel "A Personal Matter," the protagonist, a young father, is with the lover he has taken after learning his firstborn child suffers from a birth defect. The translation from the Japanese is by John Nathan.

"They were watching the midnight news, Bird in bed on his stomach, lifting only his head like a baby sea urchin, Himiko hugging her knees on the floor. The heat of day had departed and like primeval cave dwellers they were enjoying the cool air in nakedness. Since they had turned the volume way down with the telephone bell in mind, the only sound in the room was a voice as faint as the buzzing of a bee's wings. But what Bird heard was not a human voice endowed with meaning and mood, nor was he distinguishing meaningful shapes in the flickering shadows on the screen. From the external world he was letting in nothing to project its image on the screen of his consciousness. He was simply waiting, like a radio set equipped with a receiver only, for a signal from the distance which he wasn't even certain would be transmitted."

From "The Silent Cry," translated by John Bester: "Even before the eye injury I was already showing more and more clearly a quality of ugliness that often reminded me how mother had prophesied that, when we grew up, my brother would be handsome and I would not. The lost eye merely emphasized the ugliness each day, throwing it into constant relief. My born ugliness would have liked to hang back, silent, in the shadows; it was the missing eye that continually dragged it out into the limelight. Not that I neglected to assign a role to this eye: I saw it, its function lost. as being forever trained on the darkness within my skull, a darkness full of blood and somewhat above body heat. The ary that I'd hired to keen of the night within me, and in doing so I'd forced myself to practice observing my own interior.

## NOBEL: Japanese Writer Honored

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ing picture of the human pre-

dicament today."

impact Japan's defeat had on his development. "The humiliation took a firm grip on him and has colored much of his work," it said. "He himself describes his writing as a way of exorcising demons."

"It was a total surprise," he said. "Completely. Total."

Japan, he said he was proud the Academy had recognized the strength of modern Japanese literature and hoped the prize would encourage others here.

Protestant paramilitaries mur-dered a Catholic worker the writing was focused on a single night of the cease-fire, set off a concern. "I am writing about and planted a detonating de- he said, as a throng of reporters

the Nobel Prize in Literature, which was received last year by Toni Morrison of the United

States. The award includes a \$930,000 payment. The owlish, often detached-looking Mr. Oe grew up in a small village on the Japanese island of Shikoku, steeped in Japan's rural traditions and wartime propaganda. The sense of wonder and security he seems to have felt in those inno-

cent days - before the atomic bomb was dropped and an emperor he was taught to regard as divine announced that Japan had been defeated - appears again and again in his works. In the interview, Mr. Oe compared himself with Kobo Abe. the author of the surrealistic

and disorienting novel "The Woman in the Dunes," as well as with Shohei Oka, who wrote about the horrors of the fighting in the Philippines during the war, and Masuji Ibuse, who is best known for "Black Rain," a novel about the victims of the

atomic bombing.

They created the way to the Nobel prize," Mr. Oe said. "I am the youngest one of that group. I received the prize in their place."

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## U.S. Sees Quick UN Action on an Iraq Buffer Zone

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribine

PARIS - The United Nations Security Council may be able to act as early as next week on a plan to declare a buffer zone between Iraq and Kuwait where any intrusion of elite Iraqi armored units could trigger military retaliation by coalition forces, U.S. officials said Thursday.

Although details remain to be worked out the formula would curb Iraq's ability to tie down large numbers of U.S. forces in Kuwait. It would give allied air power an opportunity to decimate armored forces as they crossed the desert toward Kuwait.

The advantage of this plan is that it would leave some Iraqi forces in place to avoid a vacuum of power that neighboring Iran might exploit. The phrase used to describe the plan is status quo ante, meaning Iraq should not again increase its normal force levels in the southern region.

U.S. officials said that, judging by preliminary assurances, action along these lines will be supported by

France, Britain and Russia. "None of these countries wants to contradict both the United States and Saudi Arawhether other nations, such as Germany and Japan, would be asked to both the United States and Saudi Arawhether other nations, such as Germany and Japan, would be asked to both the United States and Saudi Arahelp. bia for the sake of Saddam," a Clinton

administration official said. In objecting to an earlier proposal floated by the Clinton administration, to create a fully demilitarized zone in southern Iraq, French officials argued that their real concern focused on the risk of infiltration by Iranians to link up with their fellow Shiite Muslims in

But French officials also sought to play down the impression that Paris was soft on Iraq, especially after a meeting of Saudi Arabia and the smaller Arab states in the Gulf called for action to curb Iraq's military

The Gulf states at the Kuwait meeting also rejected an overture from the Arab League for mediation, saying that the U.S.-led coalition could handle the crisis, Arab diplomats said. Saudi Arabia and its Arab neighbors have agreed to repay the United

States for much of the cost of defend-

ing Kuwait. It was not disclosed

that the cause of his death was More Broccoli

very badly burned," he said.
"We were lucky. He was identihas gained a wider acceptance.

fied through his dental re- In 1970, per capita consump-

the victims would never have to 3.4 pounds (1.5 kilograms).

While relatives insisted that pound; by 1992 it had increased

All but one of the bodies at portion was 424, and for the

in the middle of the night. The spent for video and audio

for math.

While Washington has refused to rule out the possibility of bypassing the Security Council if necessary, the White House decided to shelve the more sweeping plan urged by its top military and national security aides.

Officials said that President Bill Clinton was swayed mainly by objections from other U.S. agencies. The State Department argued that a move perceived as unilateral might create a precedent exploitable by Russia in intervening in crises on its perimeter. The more limited option meets the

basic objective of placing Kuwait out of range of Iraqi artillery. But it does less to bottle up Iraq's armed forces in the center of the country, a strategy that could "cause the Iraqi military establishment to question whether Saddam can keep control of the national territory," according to John Chipman, director of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in

He made the comment, reflecting

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200 other Palestinian prisoners.

alive, the leaflets said, although

the kidnappers offered no proof

like a grainy videotape made public on Wednesday that

showed Corporal Waxman.

bound and plainly frightened.

The young man was still

the Iraqi leader, while presenting the institute's annual survey of the world's military forces, which showed enough U.S. power in Kuwait to repel an Iraqi invasion if defenders have warning time. The key factor there is U.S. air

power, much of it equipped to find and knock out tanks, even at night. Another drawback to letting some Iraqi forces stay is the need for closer monitoring to detect a buildup. Deserters from the Iraqi Army, however, can flesh out detailed surveillance pictures provided by J-Stars, an aircraft that has come into full service since the 1991 Gulf War.

Publicly, the Clinton administration largely ignored criticism from Paris. Reacting to a French government minister's remark suggesting that U.S. foreign policy was more vulnerable to domestic political pressures than French diplomacy, Madeleine K. Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the UN, said simply that the French re-marks were "ill-informed and counterproductive."

## GULF: Saddam Offers a Deal on Recognizing Kuwait ARAFAT:

destruction. After this period, the Security Council should lift area. the sanctions. (AP, Reuters)

■ U.S. Slows Buildup Paul F. Horvitz of the Interna-

earlier from Washington: U.S. military officials said Thursday that they would marginally reduce and slow their deployment to the Gulf after reporting what Mr. Clinton called "a broad retreat" of Iraqi forces from the Kuwaiti border.

But a Pentagon official said that the 155,000 U.S. troops placed on alert earlier this week would remain on alert status.

was later found in Switzerland.

Nonetheless, many questions remain unanswered. The sect

owned extensive properties in

Switzerland, France and Cana-

da, bu: was it also engaged in

money laundering and arms trafficking, as the Canadian po-

lice and Swiss press reports

have suggested? And what were

Even more pertinently, what

exactly happened on the night of Oct. 4 at the farmhouse in

Cheiry, a village 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of here, and at

the three wooden chalets at

Granges-sur-Salvan, 70 kilome-

ters east of here? Indeed, what

prompted the sect's leaders to

renounce wealth and power and

Having first said they sus-

pected collective suicide, the

Swiss police then concluded

that some of the victims had

been murdered, since 20 of the

23 bodies found at Cheiry had

bullet wounds, 10 had plastic

bags over their heads and at

least one had his hands tied.

who is heading the team of pa-

thologists in Lausanne examin-

ing the corpses, said Dr. Jouret.

whose body was found at

Granges, had not been shot but

Cholera Epidemic in Albania

Dr. Thomas Krompecher,

choose to die?

its activities in Australia?

CULT: Suicide Theory Is Revived

stalled to check that Iraq does ton told a group of broadcastnot rebuild its weapons of mass ers. "Its forces have begun a broad retreat from the border

"We're watching the situation very, very carefully," he added, "and we'll continue to deploy our forces in the Gulf tional Herald Tribune reported until we're satisfied that Iraqi troops no longer pose an immediate danger to Kuwait."

Earlier, the overall commander of U.S. forces in the Gulf, General J.H. Binford Peay 3d, said the United States had "defused the crisis" and that the U.S. deployment had been slowed "at the margins."

■ 30,000 to Be Deployed "I am pleased to say that Iraq deploy 30,000 troops in the main indefinitely.

not yet known. "His body was

committed suicide, the judge in-

vestigating the deaths at Cheiry,

Andre Piller, said the sect mem-

bers might have known - and

accepted - that they were go-

ing to die and might have been

shot after losing consciousness.

document sent to newspapers

last week clearly suggested a

combination of suicide and

murder, noting that some mem-bers of the order had not

reached the state of conscious-

ness required to understand the

need to leave this world and should be "gently" helped to

Cheiry were found in the sect's

mirror-lined meeting room.

Nineteen were lying in a circle

with their heads pointing out-

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capes denoting their rank in the

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a silencer, was later found at

Granges, which meant that one

or more people drove the 160 kilometers between the villages

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signs of a struggle.

die for their own benefit.

On the other hand, one sect

heard our message." Mr. Clin- Gulf and store a division's More Pressure worth of armored equipment there even if Iraq continues to withdraw its troops from the Friday unless Israel met a de-Kuwaiti border, Defense Secre-mand for the release of the tary William J. Perry said jailed Hamas founder, Sheikh Thursday. The New York Ahmed Yassin, and more than

Times reported from Jidda. The steps are part of a broad plan to contain Iraqi military power and would represent a marked increase in the American military presence in the re-

The ground troops would be pleading for his life. Sheikh The United States plans to additional warplanes would re-

withdrawn over a period of Yassin, too, appealed to the ab-weeks if the Iraqis completed ductors not to kill the soldier in their withdrawal and refrained an interview from prison with from belligerent actions. But Mr. Perry said that many of the

tion of broccoli was half a

"For us to make such

changes in our food consump-

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Johanson, chief of the Statisti-

cal Abstract Section of the Cen-

sus Bureau. "To some extent

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the United States' most obdu-

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age SAT score for the verbal

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The report also offers data on

themselves on the back."

Israeli television. There was no sign, however, negotiate the Hamas demands. in their worst crisis since Palestinian self-rule began five

West Bank town of Jericho. It seemed to many political figures and commentators here that the two sides were at a turning point, with the future of peace negotiations imperiled at the very moment — also Friday -that Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat reportedly are to receive the

"I see this as a fundamental test with far-reaching implica-tions for the future," Mr. Rabin

Nobel Peace Prize.

Hamas has embarrassed and weakened the PLO leader in the eyes of many Palestinians by pushing him into a corner, where he is forced to choose whether to alienate his Israeli negotiating partners or the sizable portion of the Palestinian public that considers the Islamic attackers as heroes.

## ASIA: Europe's 'Arrogance' Cited

Continued from Page 1

sharply in the same period, as European businesses focused first on the opportunities of an integrated market at home and then on the needs of East European countries newly liberated from Communist control.

Fidel Ramos, the president of the Philippines, said that the Europe-East Asia meeting in Singapore was taking place in an atmosphere that was "certainly more optimistic" than the two groups' inaugural gathering in Hong Kong last year. Mr. Ramos said that there

was a "vast reservoir of goodwill and even admiration" in East Asia for Europeans. East Asians admired Euthat the Israelis were about to rope's culture, technology, ecorely on labor that is exploited nomic power and "the way you

The impasse left Israel and have softened individual entervalues," he added. Mr. Mahathir noted as well months ago in Gaza and the that East Asians still had to "fully discover Western Eu-

> But he said that before there could be the kind of "partnership of equals" between East Asia and Europe that the European Commission has urged, Europeans would have to accept that Asian ways of business, economics, politics and administration would not be carbon copies of those in the

Reflecting resentment among many East Asian governments at previous attempts by the EU to link human rights standards to trade or aid, he said that no Asian country had demanded that European states reform

themselves.

rope" and its economic potenoped nations. the Union and the United States.

percent of total consumption of manufactured goods in devel-He said it was technological change, not competition from poorer countries, that was the basic cause of unemployment in

"Because European wages and social costs are high, managements avoid hiring more workers by increasing automation, computerization and robotics," he said, "So their demand for highly educated labor

is increasing, but their demand for unskilled labor is falling." The meeting, held by the World Economic Forum, which

organizes an annual gathering But Mr. Mahathir said he of international leaders in Dawas sure that there were many vos, Switzerland, ends Friday.

## ULSTER: Protestant Terrorists Declare a Cease-Fire

three months before talks can

Conversely, while test scores have declined, the amount of We still have to reach a situmoney Americans spend on permanent," he said Thursday, paramilitaries to match their "If we snatch at these things it is Catholic antagonists in turning books has increased — to \$16.5 billion in 1992 from \$10.5 billion in 1970. And the amount of going to slip away. We need to away from the armed struggle. One of the weapons used at money spent on newspapers Cheiry, a .22-caliber pistol with and magazines rose to \$20.5 billion from \$13.2 billion in the Ireland."

London. But as time went on, and London remained seeming-ly ambivalent, the anxiety lifted, eventually making it possiation where we are satisfied it is ble for the Protestant

retain the confidence and trust Now, London's position is of all the people of Northern less effective because it is refusing to recognize a cease-fire ame period.

Ironically, it has been the whose legitimacy is granted But that increase is dwarfed government's caution that to even by the most extreme Protsome degree assuaged the fears estant fighters. Pressure is of Protestant "loyalists," who bound to mount upon the Britare "loyal" to Britain. They ini- ish government to get explormonthlong cholera epidemic in deaths in Granges began some puters. Spending in that catego- tially worned that the IRA atory talks moving. London

would serve as a guide to the

Both Washington and Dublin have made it clear that they would like to see a faster pace and that London should not squander the opportunity.

In the 43 days of the ceasetions by the loyalist side. The sic Japanese literature." bomb near a Sinn Fein office the dignity of human beings," ry ballooned to \$70.3 billion in must have laid down its arms and Dublin are working on a vice, which only partially ex1993 from \$8.8 billion in 1970. because of a secret deal with "framework" document that ploded, on a train to Dublin. a festive mood.

derbolt.

always wanted to write about our country, our society and fire, the IRA has refrained from feelings about the contempoall acts of intercommunity vio- rary scene. But there is a big lence, despite some provoca- difference between us and clas-

vice, which only partially ex- gathered in front of his home in

Mr. Oe is the 91st recipient of

The Academy also cited the

In a telephone interview Thursday evening, Mr. Oe, a voluble if somewhat solemn man, said the call from Stockholm, at a little before 9 P.M. local time, had come as a thun-

While he has often spoken of his ambiguous feelings about

"I believe I am a very Japa-nese writer," he said. "I have

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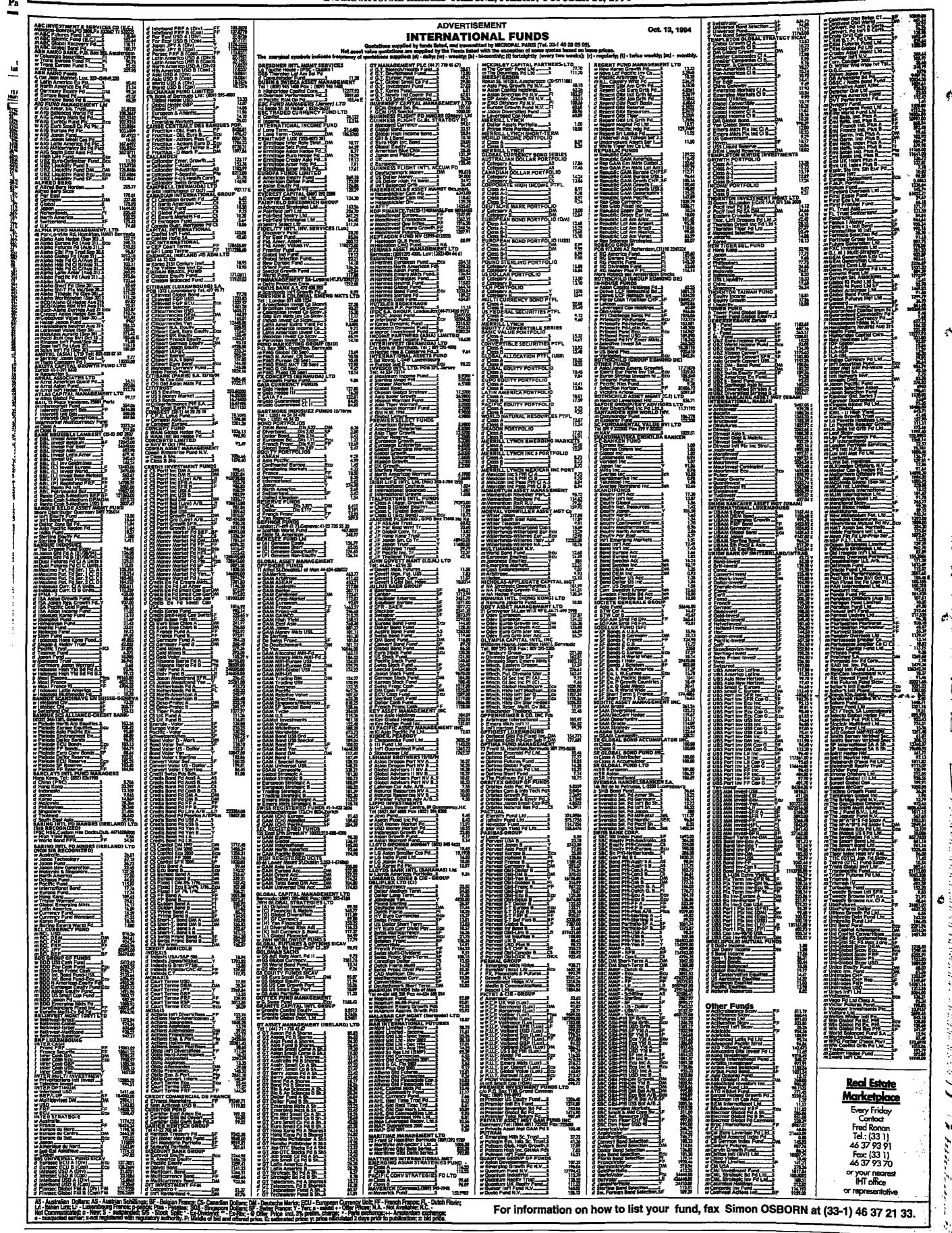
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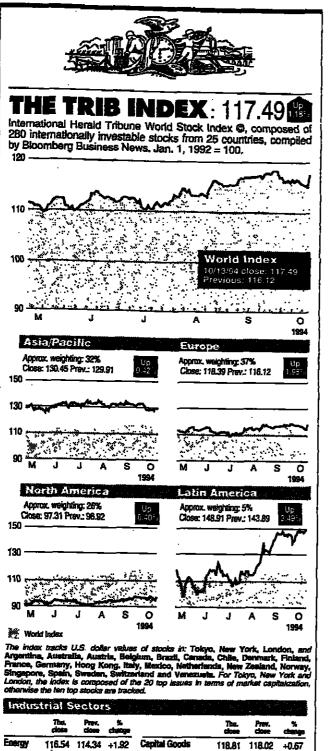
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**WALL STREET WATCH** 

By James K. Glassman

market professionals, so-called bottom-fishing — buying stocks whose prices have collapsed in hopes of making a big score on the rebound

has the same appeal as playing long-shot horses has to most professional gamblers.

Market technicians, who follow price

charts, prefer to buy a stock after it starts

moving up powerfully. More conventional

money managers are embarrassed to have a disgraced stock in their published portfolios

where their peers and clients can see it. Many

fund managers automatically sell any stock that falls 15 percent or 20 percent.

But for small investors, a little bottom-fishing can make a lot of sense. Certainly, long-term money — for retirement or for a child's education — should be in strong

stocks and diversified mutual funds. But that

need not rule out the fun and profit of making

that when bad news hits a stock, the market

frequently overreacts, making it possible to pick up bargains as others rush to get out.

A good recent example is Philip Morris Cos. In 1992, it was the most profitable U.S.

company, hitting a high of \$85 a share. Then the stock lost nearly half its value as the

market got the notion that brand names in

cigarettes and food were losing appeal.

For most of 1993, Philip Morris was trad-

ing in the mid- to high 40s, even though its profit remained impressive. The market was

paying just \$9 for every \$1 of the company's

carnings - a price/earnings ratio of just 9.

a big killing in a company the pros hate. The main reason bottom-fishing works is

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## Plot Thickens in Film Industry Studio Marks Major Shift

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Plans by Steven Spielberg, David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg to form new motion-picture, animation, television and entertaination could involve reclaiming ownership of Universal Pictures from its Japanese owners - represent a seismic shift in Hollywood's traditional studio

The union of three of the most powerful brokers in Hollywood to own and run their own studio marks the biggest movie empire in 1919.

impact on Disney, notably in animation.

One development that could shape the structure of the new studio is that the company for which Mr. Spielberg currently produces movies, MCA Inc., and its Universal Pictures unit, may be repurchased from Mat-sushita Electrical Industrial Co. of Japan and combined with the

new company.

Matsushita bought MCA for \$6.1 billion in 1990, but MCA's top executives have bridled under the foreign ownership.

Even if the MCA deal does not materialize, Mr. Spielberg, merger of talent since Charlie Mr. Geffen and Mr. Katzen-Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Doug-berg would seem to have the las Fairbanks and D.W. Grif-financial wherewithal to create fith founded the United Artists a powerful new film and enterinment company.

The three men said they ex-

The Spielberg-Katzenberg-Geffen union underscores the financial and creative turmoil at Hollywood studios.

of dollars on salaries, buildings, buyouts and, in many cases,

"This has got to be a 'dream team,'" said Mr. Katzenberg. who quit his job as chairman of Walt Disney Studios in August after failing to gain a promotion at Disney. "Certainly it's my

flanked at a news conference tations of the partners.

"We start off self-financed." said Mr. Katzenberg. "We're the movie director, whose net worth is more than \$600 million, and Mr. Geffen, 50, a bilvestor and producer.

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Mr. Katzenberg went out of his way to speak warmly of his former boss, Michael D. Eisner. But the new studio could have a direct and long-term negative

Lately, Philip Morris has turned around, trading late Thursday in New York at \$60.75,

a P/E of 14. For an investor who had bought

the stock a year ago, the gain, including dividends, would be more than 30 percent.

To understand bottom-fishing, take a more modest case: Sallie Mae, the Student Loan

Marketing Association, a U.S. government-

chartered, privately owned company that

buys and services loans that banks make to

students. State and federal authorities guar-

antee that the loans will be repaid and man-

percent annually from 1973 to 1993, and the stock soared from \$10 a share in 1985 to \$74

in late January 1993. Then trouble hit. The Clinton budget brought in a new way to finance student loans — with money coming directly from the government. The new system will be phased in gradually but by the

end of the decade, 60 percent of student loans

As the budget moved to passage in early 1993, Sallie Mae's stock dropped sharply. It is now down to around \$32.50, less than half its

high. Based on earnings estimates for 1994,

that represents a P/E of 6 - about one-third of the company's average for the preceding

Sallie Mae's executives are looking at several solutions to their problem, including com-

plete privatization, getting into new businesses, making do with less or just buying back

low-priced stock. Another alternative is that a

future Congress will change the 1993 policy and cancel the direct-lending approach. As is the case with most bottom-fishing, an

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will bypass the middlemen.

Sallie Mae's earnings rose an average of 39

date profitable interest-rate spreads.

cial and creative turmoil rock- pected the first of their studio's ing Hollywood studios, includ-movies to go into production ing Sony Pictures, which also next year. Although they dehas Japanese owners that have clined to discuss the initial costs lavished hundreds of millions of the venture, the three are

funds as a start-up. During the next five years, one of them said afterward, the necessary capital would be probably reach \$1 billion to \$2 billion. But Mr. Katzenberg contended that raising financing would not be a problem, Mr. Katzenberg, 43, was given the track record and repu-

said Mr. Katzenberg. "We're very confident." The new studio, he said, appeared to have "unlimited financial resources" lionaire record impresario, in- from Wall Street and the business community.

Privately, one of the partners said that once filmmaking began, the company would use

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Aug. 31.

lower net interest expense.

company opened 83 new stores.

pence a year earlier.

LONDON - Body Shop International PLC

said Thursday that its aggressive program to

open stores had boosted earnings, as pretax prof-

it rose 23 percent in the six months that ended

The London-based retailer of natural cosmet-

ics posted pretax profit of £12.3 million (\$19.4)

million), up from £10 million a year earlier. The

earnings were boosted by higher margins and

The company said it would lift its dividend to

Sales rose 18 percent, to £208.1 million, as the

0.9 pence a share for the first half from 0.75

# A Matsushita-MCA Split?

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - When rumors were circulating this year that Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. might sell a stake in its Hollywood movie studio to a cable-television operator, executives of the Japanese company denied any such intention.

"Matsushita has purchased a beautiful and tasty apple." Tsuzo Murase, an executive vice president, said in March.
"If half the apple is cut and sold, the remaining half would

not be as tasty." Now the two U.S. executives who actually run the movie business want to buy a slice of the apple. But Matsushita's philosophy is likely to make it re-

luctant once again to sell.

Officials at the giant Japanese electronics company said Thursday that they were caught by surprise by reports from Hollywood on Wednesday that Lew R. Wasserman and Sidney Jay Sheinberg, the chairman and president of MCA Inc., wanted to buy back the compa-ny from Matsushita and were contemplating quitting if they could not do so.

"I was so surprised. I never heard anything about it," Su-sumu Ishihara, a director of believed to be combining more than \$100 million of their own relations, said Thursday, Mr. relations, said Thursday. Mr. Murase, the executive at Osaka headquarters who oversees the movie business, said he, too, did not know what was happening.

Both executives said they could not comment on what stance Matsushita would take if it were confronted by demands to sell all or part of MCA. But the Japanese officials reiterated Matsushita's general position that it has no interest in selling even a stake in MCA, which owns Universal Studios.

Mr. Murase, reached at his home near Osaka, said MCA had a banner year last year, largely because of the block-buster movie "Jurassic Park," and that this year looked even better. He also said he saw no on hardware" by selling its softreason Mr. Wasserman and Mr. ware business.

**Body Shop Flexes Its Profit Muscles** 

Sheinberg should want to quit. Mr. Ishihara said he did not know of the friction between Hollywood and Osaka. He also said it had not yet been decided whether there would be a meeting next week between Matsushita and MCA executives.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Matsushita's stock dropped only 10 yen to 1,690 (\$17), but the reports about MCA had not been widely disseminated here by the time trading closed.

MCA is only a small part of Matsushita, which makes video recorders, televisions, washing machines, rice cookers, telephones, robots, semiconductors and a host of other products that are sold under the brand names Panasonic, Technics, National and Quasar.

Matsushita has been hit hard by the recession in Japan, the rise of the yen and the lack of new hit products. Its earnings have declined for three consecutive years, although there are now signs of an upturn.

In the year that ended March 31, the company's entertain-ment business, of which MCA is the major part, contributed 586.8 billion yen, about 9 percent of total consolidated revenue of \$64.3 billion. Operating profit in entertainment was 23.2 billion yen, about 13 percent of operating profit overall.

But analysts say the Hollywood business is more important than its size suggests in terms of Matsushita's image and its valuation on the stock market. "That's the asset that they're telling everyone is the future for them," said Joseph Osha, an analyst at Baring Securities in Tokyo. "Consumer electronics is just not a good business anymore."

Peter Wolff, an analyst with CS First Boston here, said, "The market would probably take it as a negative if Matsushita would be betting its future

used to bolster British sales would also be applied to its U.S. stores.

is room for improvement based on the lessons learned in the U.K.," said Julie Ramshaw, a retailing analyst at Morgan Stanley.

The company, which is known for its stand

against testing cosmetics on animals, said sales

did not suffer this fall from an attack on its social

and environmental policies by the U.S. magazine

fell about 21 percent to a three-month low of 196

pence in late September. The shares closed at 225

pence Thursday, down 2. Chairman Gordon Roddick said that during

the first weeks of the second half, it was business

Body Shop refuted the charges, but its shares

Business Ethics.

A growth rate of 5 percent in same-store sales as usual. "Trading in the last six weeks has

in Britain cheered analysts. They expected that overall been in line with the trends seen in the

"Although the U.S. is a different market, there

## **Inflation Data** Give a Boost To U.S. Stocks

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK - A surprisingly low inflation report on wholesale prices drained more anxiety out of the financial markets Thursday.

Bond yields fell, stocks firmed, and gold was cheaper

because traders assumed the Federal Reserve would hold off on any interest rate increases at least until after next month's

When economists were expecting a rise in the producer price index, plummeting energy and especially gasoline costs were the principal factors in a 0.5 percent drop in the index in September, the sharpest decline reported by the Labor De-partment since August of last year. The drop reversed two months of rises at roughly the same rate.

The core rate, which excludes food and energy prices, rose by only 0.1 percent, helped by price restraint in automobiles despite high consumer demand. Wholesale car prices actually dropped 1.1 percent.

In some ways, said David Munro of High Frequency Economics, the report was "almost too good to be true," but he expected the index to keep climbing at an annual rate of about 3 percent or less and to be reflected in a moderate consumer price index for September, which is due for release

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rallied more than 50 points in the first 12 minutes of trading as large investors piled into the market, forcing a curb on index-linked trading that was on and off for much of the day. Later in the session, however, enthusiasm wore off somewhat and the index closed at 3,889.95, up 14.80 points for the day.

Bond yields slipped across the board and the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell to 7.85 percent from 7.89 percent on Wednesday.

Gold for December delivery on the Commodity Exchange closed \$2 lower at \$388.60.

What has happened in the markets is largely a matter of Wall Street perceptions. Mickey Levy, chief financial economist for NationsBank, said that fears of higher inflation and interest rates had clouded markets as consumer demand failed to slow down this summer and that this had driven down stock and bond prices.

"People thought about other business cycles and figured the Fed would have to tighten a lot," he said. "They braced for See INDEX, Page 14

## Microsoft Buys Intuit In \$1.5 Billion Deal

equire Intuit Inc. in \$1.5 billion stock transaction cerns. that would give Microsoft dominance of the personal finance software market.

stock will be exchanged for 1.336 shares of Microsoft stock. The agreement ensures that Intuit shareholders will receive no less than \$71 of Microsoft shares for each Intuit share.

Microsoft said it expected to issue about 27 million common shares and said this was less than 5 percent of its 581 million outstanding shares.

REDMOND, Washington - finance software product, Mi-Microsoft Corp. said Thursday crosoft Money, to Novell Inc., Intuit is a leading developer

of personal finance, tax prepa-

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The boards of both software counting software. Its Quicken companies agreed to the merg-er, in which each share of Intuit al finance software market. Scott Cook, the founder of Intuit, will be responsible for

Microsoft's future businesses in the personal finance area.

Earlier on Thursday, rumors of the merger drove intuit's stock to an all-time high of \$50.25, up \$3.25, before trading

Intuit's share price has Microsoft also said it had en-tered into a separate agreement course of this week.

## Whirlpool Says High Sales Lifted Third-Quarter Net

the marketing and display techniques that were first half." he said.

it rose 41 percent, reflecting re-cord shipments in domestic and \$2.08 billion. international markets.

The home-appliance maker said its net income rose to \$98 million from \$70 million a year age. Earnings per share rose to \$1.30 from 96 cents.

billion. Whirlpool posted a profit of \$249 million for the period, reversing a loss of \$18

The results include a gain \$15 million from the sale of a mi-

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BENTON HARBOR, Michigan — Whirlpool Corp. said
Thursday its third-quarter profit rose 41 percent, reflecting related shipments in demestic and \$2.08 billion.

In the first nine months of the year, the company said, revenue increased 7 percent to \$6 period, reversing a loss of \$18

million a year earlier.
Whirlpool's shares fell 25 cents to \$54.

The company said it had improved its sales in Europe. "However, the region remains highly competitive and challenging." Whirlpool said, citing a shift in consumer demand toward lower-margin appliances. The company said it would announce an across-the-board price increase in Europe soon. Whirlpool said its North

ating results. Total carnings from Latin of Whirlpool's Brazilian affiliates, the company said. America nearly doubled be-cause of the solid performance

American unit had higher oper-

increased by nearly one-quarter and revenues rose by 30 person cent, although strategic invest-ment in the region led the unit to a quarterly loss.
Whirlpool recently reached

an agreement to raise its stake in TVS Whirlpool Ltd., an Indian washing machine joint venture, to 78 percent. It also said it P.M. Ch'ye would complete an agreement arrange would complete an agreement to acquire a controlling interest in Kelvinator of India Ltd., the biggest maker and marketer of accounts and class of the control of the con

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#### **MARKET DIARY**

## **Inflation Anxiety Eats Away at Dollar**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches dropped against most other major currencies on late speculative selling Thursday as the market shifted its focus to the September inflation and retailsales reports that will be released Friday.

The dollar also was pressured from 99.750 yen. by the view that the unexpected decline in producer prices, released Thursday, was an aber-

#### Foreign Exchange

ration and that the September consumer price report would not contain the same good news about inflation.

The fear is that the inflation numbers will erase the bond market's gains Thursday and "that'll be it for the dollar," said Tom Moore, a director at American Express.

Currency traders watch the U.S. Treasury market to gauge foreign investors' appetite for sentiment much.'
U.S. assets and the dollars Mr. Iggo said needed to buy them.

"Unless we get another very nice surprise or evidence the economy is slowing down, we can't look for any more gains in

bonds," said Kevin Harris, an NEW YORK — The dollar international economist at MCM Currencywatch. "No bond gains. No dollar gains."

The dollar closed at 1.5284 Deutsche marks in late New York trading, down from 1,5408 DM on Wednesday. The dollar also fell to 99.395 yen

The dollar also slumped against European currencies, trading at 5.2405 French francs from 5.2740 late the previous day and 1.2730 Swiss francs, down from 1,2860 francs. The pound rose to \$1.5895 from .5822 on Wednesday.

Dealers, who had reported a flurry of buying after the producer prices were released, said the interest waned when a second look at the report reflected unusual declines in car prices.

"One number doesn't change the trend," said Chris Iggo, international economist at Chase Manhattan Bank. "PPI is a volatile number, so it won't change

Mr. Iggo said the dollar's prospects would improve if consumer prices showed a de-

> (Reuters, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

### **INDEX:** U.S. Stocks Move Higher

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a bad inflation number, and now they are holding off to see what the Fed does next." Some economists watched the government's weekly report

of new unemployment claims, also out Thursday, and noted it

#### U.S. Stocks

fell by 5,000 to 314,000, implying a tighter job market. But this has yet to be reflected in wage inflation, a factor that the Federal Reserve closely watch-

But Edward Yardeni, an analyst with C.J. Lawrence, pointed out that "labor, not commodity costs, is the key determinant of inflation, and the wage inflation rate remains tame in all major industries."

■ Earnings Boost Market Favorable inflation news

came against a backdrop of robust third-quarter corporate earnings, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York. Of the 76 companies in the

S&P 500 that have reported earnings for the latest quarter,

46 percent were above most analysts' expectations. "The earnings side of the equation is in superb shape," said Philip Orlando, portfolio manager at

First Capital Advisers. Telephone, international oil, financial, household product and chemical stocks posted the

Almost 13 stocks gained for every nine that fell, and volume surged to 337.91 million shares on the Big Board from 269.56 million Wednesday.

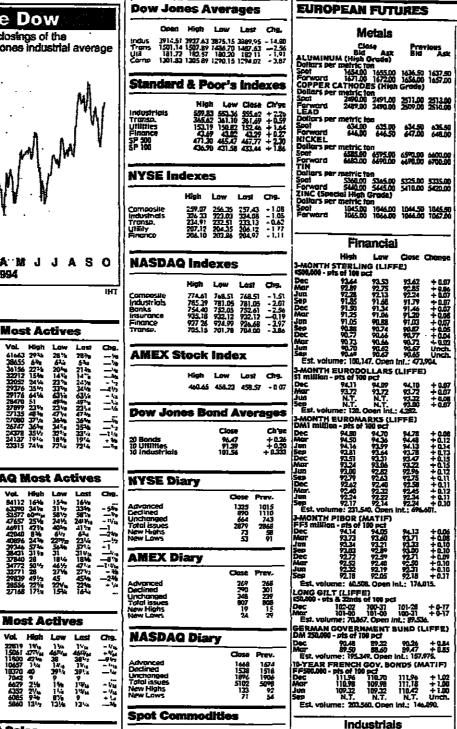
Among the stronger gainers, Monsanto rose 1% to 78%, International Paper climbed 1 to 77%, and Coca-Cola firmed %

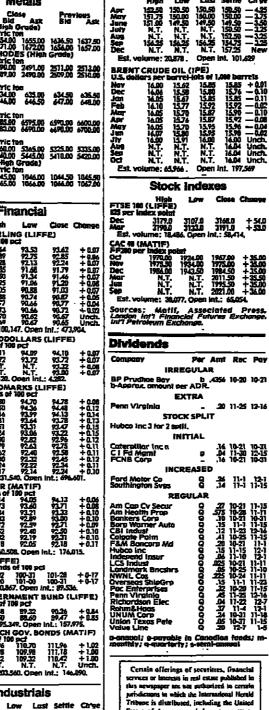
Altera led gains among technology stocks, surging 5% to 33%. The maker of programma ble logic devices, semiconductors that can be reprogrammed, earned 40 cents a share in the third quarter, up from 30 cents

a vear earlier. Caere, a software company, climbed 21/2 to 13 after the company reported it had swung into

Hasbro rose 14 to 304, and Champion International climbed 1 to 39%







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## STUDIO: The System in Hollywood May Never Be the Same Again

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investors and partnerships to reduce the financial risks.

"I want to start something great, even investing in it myself," said Mr. Spielberg. "Over the years I've had almost a religious fervor in not investing my own money in show business. Not in my wildest imagination would I have guessed that this trio would have come together.

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movies by next year. How the But Mr. Katzenberg, Mr. films will be distributed re- Spielberg and Mr. Geffen inmains vague.

Both Mr. Katzenberg and competition with other studios Mr. Spielberg made it clear that would only improve the quality they were intent on building a of movies throughout the indus-

Under the arrangement, Mr. Spielberg will fold his company. Amblin, which is currently at Universal, into the new studio.

Mr. Geffen's movie production unit will also be merged with the new company. The three men will be equal financial partners, but their specific management duties have not been defined, although Mr. Katzenberg will most certainly run the operations of the studio.

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## Weak Trading Results Hit Morgan

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - J.P. Morgan & Co. said Thursday its third-quarter earnings fell 30 percent, as tought times on Wall Street dragged down revenue from the bank's BA

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securities businesses. The fifth-largest American bank said net income fell to \$327 million, or \$1.63 a share, from \$468 million, or \$2.30 a share, a year earlier. The results were higher than analysts expected, and Morgan's stock rose 12.5 cents, to \$61.125.

J.P. Morgan, like many banks and securities houses, has suffered from a turbulent year in securities and currency markets. It had a net loss of \$27 million on investment securities, in contrast to a gain of \$98 million a year ago. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

## Georgia-Pacific Swings Back to Profit

ATLANTA (Bloomberg) — Georgia-Pacific Corp. on Thursday posted a larger-than-expected third-quarter net income of \$87 million because of higher paper and pulp prices.

The profit at the second largest U.S. forest products company reversed a net loss of \$36 million in the year-earlier quarter. Third-

quarter revenue rose 10 percent, to \$3.3 billion.

"The pulp and paper industry is experiencing a faster-thanexpected recovery, with demand and pricing strong both in the
U.S. and abroad," A.D. Correll, chairman, said.

#### Live and Carolco End Merger Talks LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) - Carolco Pictures Inc. and Live

Entertainment Inc. said Thursday that merger discussions between the two companies had broken off.

On Aug. 12, the companies said they would merge, with Live Entertainment shareholders owning 21 percent to 28 percent of

the surviving company. "We are disappointed that a number of factors, many of which

were beyond our control, have resulted in our joint agreement to call off the merger of our two companies." Mario Kassar, Carolco's chief executive, and Roger Burlage, Live Entertainment's chief executive, said.

#### Hedging Protects Enron's Profit

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) - Enron Corp. said Thursday its profit for the third quarter rose 28 percent from the previous year, as natural its natural gas marketing activities grew sharply. The company said hedging protected it against depressed gas prices as it posted a profit of \$96 million, up from \$74.9 million a year earlier. Revenue rose to \$2 billion from \$1.9 billion.

#### Summer Travel Heats Up Hilton Net

BEVERLY HILLS, California (Bloomberg) - Hilton Hotels Corp. said Thursday its third-quarter net income rose a higherthan-expected 32 percent because of a surge in summer travel, which lifted its hotel results.

The hotel and casino company said its net income gained to \$27 million, or 56 cents a share, from \$20.5 million, or 43 cents, a year earlier. Revenue rose 10 percent, to \$380.9 million.

The results also benefited from the money the company lost on property and currency transactions in the year-earlier period.

Operating Profit Slips at Hasbro
PAWTUCKET, Rhode Island (Bloomberg) — Hasbro Inc. said Thursday that third-quarter profit from continuing operations

declined on a 2 percent drop in sales.

The toymaker said profit from continuing operations was \$64.7 million, or 77 cents. It had net income of \$75.5 million, or 84 cents, a year earlier. The result still topped the mean average of 76 cents a share of 12 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. Net income in the latest quarter was \$75.2 million, or 85 cents a

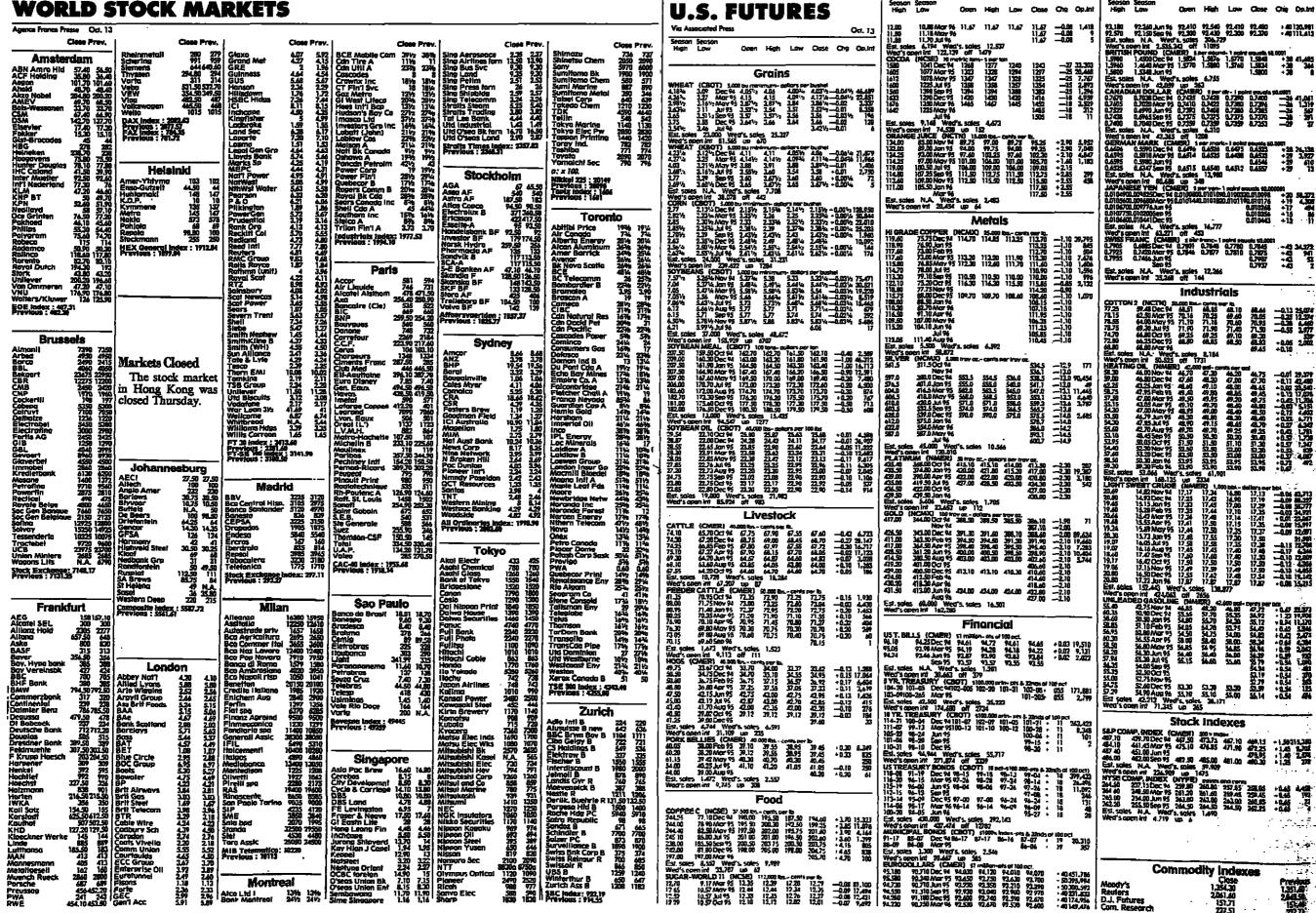
share, after a \$12.5 million restructuring charge and a gain of \$23 f million from the liquidation of an interest in the toymaker J.W. Sper & Sons PLC and the sale of its stake in Virgin Interactive Entertainment PLC to Blockbuster Entertainment Corp.

#### Liberty Will Buy Colonial Group

BOSTON (AP) - Liberty Financial Cos. said Thursday it had agreed to acquire Colonial Group for about \$310 million in cash

Colonial is a mutual fund company with \$14 billion in assets under management for 800,000 investors and 650 employees. Liberty, with about \$29 billion in assets under management, is a subsidiary of Liberty Mutual Group.

## **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**



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day it may make an offer to buy VSEL PLC, the British submarine maker that agreed Wednesday to be acquired by British Aerospace PLC

Manual Res 9 to bearing the state of the s Analysts said GEC, which has big cash reserves, could easily better the British Aerospace offer of £478.5 million (\$756

Marin But when it announced the rolco End Merger M General Electric offer, VSEL said it "continues to recommend the offer by British Aero-space" to shareholders.

Manufacture State of Some analysts said it was un-Military Real States and Market States and Marke likely General Electric would buy VSEL, although it may make an offer that would force its competitor, British Aerospace, to pay a little more.

sted that the state of the stat "I don't think the government's particularly interested in having all the country's shipbuilding assets in one company," Clive Walker-Forestier of harterhouse Tilney Securities

VSEL and GEC operate the two biggest naval shipyards in

Britain and build most of the

General Electric, which is not related to the American company with the same name, employs 2,600 workers at Yarrow, Scotland, where it builds navy

VSEL's shipyard in Barrowin-Furness, England, which employs 6,500, is the only one in Britain with facilities to build a nuclear submarine.

If the two operations were united, it would reduce competition when the government is preparing to seek bids on major naval projects, Mr. Walker-Forestier said.

VSEL shares rose 10 pence to 1,320 on Thursday — above the value of the British Aerospace bid. That suggests investors expect a higher bid.

British Acrospace shares fell 2 to 467, while GEC rose 3 to 299. British Aerospace said Thursday it would offer VSEL shareholders either 2.727 BAe shares or £11.40 in cash for each of their shares.

(Bloomberg, AP)

## Airlines Challenge Paris Fight Looms Over Landing Rights at Orly

PARIS - Six months after British Airways forced a showdown with the French government to win the right to fly into Orly Airport three other European carriers are bracing for

Deutsche Lufthansa AG, the Austrian carrier Lauda Air and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines are planning to begin service to Orly in the next two weeks. France has yet to give the green light, however, and it appears the airlines will try to get tough with Paris, as British

The three airlines, for example, are already selling tickets for flights to Orly.

A spokeswoman for Aeroports de Paris, which runs Orly and Charles de Gaulle air-ports, confirmed that the three European carriers had applied for rights into Orly but said for now, no dates have been set for the beginning of service."

Landa's chief executive, Niki Lauda, is planning to fly the first plane from Vienna himself, although whether the plane will actu-ally be allowed to land at Orly is still unclear.

BA, too, told France it was coming in and only backed off at the last minute after John Macgregor, then the British transport minister, worked out a compromise with his French counterpart, Bernard Bosson, that delayed the start of service for about six weeks.

in the EU or in a European Free Trade Association country is entitled to serve any destination it chooses in the EU, provided the airport chosen has landing slots, or access rights, available at a given hour.

Generally, European carriers flying into Paris land at Charles de Gaulle Airport. However, because Orly is closer to the center of Paris and most flights to other French cities leave from Orly, many European carriers are eager to offer passengers the option of flying to that airport.

France, which wants to protect its ailing flag carrier, Air France, from increased competition, has fiercely resisted this. After it turned down British Airways in early 1993, BA challenged that decision in the European Commission and won.

The current situation "looks a lot like what happened with BA," said Nick Cunningham, an airline analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd in London. He said he believes France will be forced to allow in other carriers.

Lauda has already filed a complaint with the European Commission seeking to force French approval, and the commission has given France until Oct. 23 to respond. In August, France turned down Lauda's request for rights to serve Orly beginning in late

## **Joblessness** In Spain

**Increases** 

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MADRID — The jobless rate in Spain rose to 16.54 percent in September from 16.34 percent in August, reversing a trend since spring of falling unemployment, the Labor Ministry said Thursday.

The number of unemployed registered with the National Employment Institute rose by 30,825, to about 2,560,000, the ministry said.
The ministry said increases in

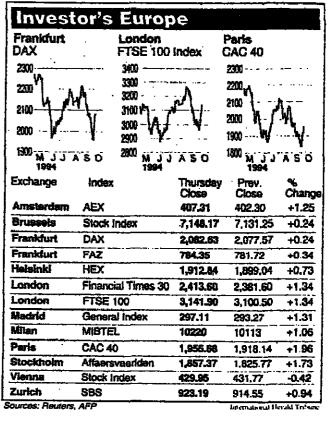
unemployment in September were normal because Spain's tourism industry, a motor of the economy, slows after the sum-But those increases were

mostly offset by declines in the jobless rates of the construction, industrial and farming sectors, the ministry said. Analysts also said the rise in

the number of unemployed workers had moderated. The government has pointed to steady drops in unemploy-ment since last spring as a sign

its recent easing of rules on hir-

ing and firing was bearing fruit.



#### Incentive AB to Relist Its Cardo Unit

STOCKHOLM - Incentive AB said Thursday it would relist its Cardo AB unit on the Stockholm exchange at the start of 1995. The relisted Cardo will consist of the Cardo Door, Cardo Pump and Cardo Railways operations outside North America. It has projected annual sales of about 5.4 billion krona (\$730 million). Cardo was delisted this year after a shareholder buyout by Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) Incentive, a Swedish investment company.

## **Operating Profit Lifts** Havas's First-Half Net

PARIS — Havas SA, a costs but before one-time French media company, items — rose said Thursday that first-half 939 million. net profit rose 39 percent because of a strong rise in

operating profit. Havas also confirmed an cariier forecast of a "signifi-cant increase" in 1994 net

All companies in the Havas group except the paytelevision operator Canal Plus SA are expected to post higher profit this year because of restructuring measures and a better economic

First-half net profit rose to 589 million French francs (\$111 million) from 423 million francs a year earlier. Excluding the impact of in-creased stakes in some subsidiaries, net profit would have risen 30 percent. First-half sales rose 26

percent, to 18.7 billion Current profit — operat-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ing profit after financing items - rose 8.7 percent to

> Havas also owns CEP Communication SA, Groupe de la Cité SA, a publishing house, Avenir Havas Media SA, an advertising agency, and a chain of travel agencies. (Bloomberg, AFX)

Canal Plus Goes to Chile Canal Plus and Salomon International Enterprises said they would form a company to tap the pay-television market in Chile, Bloomberg

Business News reported. Canal Plus, Europe's largest pay-television company, is making its first foray into the Latin American market with its venture, Canal Plus

A new holding company, owned 75 percent by Canal Plus and 25 percent by Salomon, will be set up in the next few weeks to operate in Chile, the companies said.

## **Deutsche Bank Shares Dip**

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FRANKFURT - Shares of Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's largest bank, fell as much as 2 percent Thursday on speculation that the bank had suffered large losses on loans to Advanta Management AG, a company that has a 50.2 percent stake in the luxury hotel chain Kempinski AG.

Both Deutsche Bank AG and Advanta denied there was any basis to the speculation, which appeared to focus on possible difficulties at Kempinski.

Deutsche shares recovered to close nearly unchanged from Wednesday. "I have no idea where these stories are coming from, but there is nothing in them," Dierk Ernst, chief executive of (Bloomberg, Reuters) Advanta, said.

#### Very briefly:

• Sergei Mavrodi, the Russian banker who headed the MMM investment scheme that collapsed in July, was released from jail after being detained for two months on accusations of tax evasion.

 France's gross domestic product rose an unrevised 1 percent in the second quarter after a 0.7 percent gain in the first quarter, the national statistics institute INSEE said. • Citibank and Societé Générale SA and four Russia oil compa

nies have signed credit deals worth \$893 million for U.S. equipment and services, sources involved in the loans said. • Tuscaloosa Steel Corp., a U.S. subsidiary of British Steel PLC. is to invest \$154 million in a new steel factory at its plant in Alabama, making it British Steel's first wholly owned steelmaking

• Banco Español de Credito SA (Banesto) signed a letter of intent to sell its \$2,75 percent stake in Banesto-Banco Shaw of Argentina ex of Mexico and the main shareholders of Banco del

Tesco PLC said it was given sole supermarket retailing rights to the new Virgin Cola soft drink, announced this week by Virgin Group PLC, for six months following the product's launch.

 Allied Domecq PLC said its unit Allied Domecq Retailing agreed to the sale of 641 public houses to Pubmaster, a unit of Brent Walker Group PLC, for £79 million (\$125 million).

 Swiss Bank Corp. said it was launching a bonus-points program for its clients, tto cost an estimated 15 million Swiss francs (\$12 million) in the short term.

• BAT Industries PLC said it had won an investment tender conducted by the Moscow Property Fund for a majority stake in the Java tobacco factory in return for an agreement to invest more than £70 million in the factory. Enight-Ridder, AP, AFX



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# Sega Shares Slump On Video Price Cut

TOKYO — Shares of Sega Enterprises Ltd. tumbled 5.9 percent Thursday to their lowest level in nearly four years after the company lowered the price of its newest offering in the hotly contested video-game market.

The move sparked speculathe world's largest game maker after Nintendo Corp., was worried that its next-generation video game player would not sell as well as hoped, said Paddy Hogan, a broker at Smith New

The shares fell 340 yen, to 5,400 (\$53.84), after Sega said after the market closed Wednesday that it would sell its new game, the Saturn, for 10 percent less than planned. Se-

#### **Shares Plunge** On Fear of Rise In China Rates

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HONG KONG Shanghai A shares fell more than 11 percent Thursday on fears of an imminent increase in Chinese interest rates, traders said.

The official Shanghai A share index fell to 647.56, a one-day drop of 11.12 percent, on trading valued at \$294.5 million. The China CLSA indexes weren't available because of a pubhe holiday in Hong Kong.

A trader with a local securities firm stressed there was no clear indication of a coming rate increase. Investors are usually wary of higher interest rates because the higher cost of borrowing can depress earnings and slow economic growth.

Shanghai B shares were scarcely changed, falling 0.30 to 78.62 on trading valued at \$2.7 million. Many B share investors are based in Hong Kong, which observed a holiday Thursday. On the Shenzhen exchange, the B share market was closed because of the holiday.

er and produces better images than older machines, will go on sale for 44,800 yen Nov. 22, or 5,000 yen less than the price Sega announced a week ago.

Sega is the first of Japan's big machine makers to release nextgeneration games players using The move sparked speculation among investors that Sega.

32-bit chips, which are more powerful than the 16-bit models common now.

Sega's current profit peaked at 55 billion yen in the year ended March 1993, triple the 16 billion yen profit it reported three years earlier.

But in the year that ended in March, Sega announced its first profit drop in 12 years as the figure fell 22.7 percent, to 42.5 billion yen, amid growing competition.

Nintendo last week lowered its earnings forecast for the year ending March 31, 1995. The company cited a fall in export earnings because of the strong yen and a price war on game

software in Europe. Sega and Nintendo, longtime rivals and for years the undisputed leaders in the video game field, are facing new challenges as more companies enter the field. Sony Corp., for example. will introduce its machine, the PlayStation, in time for Christ-

Nintendo has also said that it would introduce an even more powerful machine next year.

# Jardine Shifts Weight Southward

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - The Jardine Matheson group is building a stronger presence in Southeast Asia to take advantage of the region's growth but also to hedge its bets in case expansion in Hong Kong and China is blocked by Beijing for political reasons, analysts say.

Jardine, the oldest and most British of Hong Kong's trading houses, said recently it would move its main stock listings from the colony to Singapore earl next year and also seek operational headquarters status in Singapore.

"It is part of an overall plan to diversify away from Hong Kong and China said a Singapore securities analyst who requested anonymity. "But the group is doing it in a series of small steps so as to try to avoid further aggravating relations with Beijing."

Briefing journalists in Singapore, Alasdair Morrison, managing director of Jardine, sought to play down the signifi-cance of the decision to expand into Southeast Asia through Singapore.

He said that Hong Kong and China will remain the heart of our business and that will continue to grow. In addition, we are developing our Southeast Asian business; it's a complementary development"

Analysts said that Singapore, which has close political and business ties with China, prefers to see Jardine keep its expansion in the region as low-key as possible in the sensitive run-up to 1997. when Beijing regains control of Hong Kong from Britain

Nonetheless, Singapore sees an opportunity to woo investment capital from Hong Kong.

The shift from Hong Kong to Singa-pore early next year of the main stock listings of five Jardine flagship companies complements Singapore's plans to enlarge its stock exchange and establish a stronger trade in shares of companies with regional or international operations, said Bibiana Yow, research director at Smith New Court in Singapore.

While companies in the group are listed in London, Australia. Luxembourg and the Philippines, Singapore is expect-

#### Singapore is expected to become the principal trading market for Jardine shares in 1995.

ed to become "the principal trading mar-ket" for Jardine shares from 1995, said Boon Yoon Chiang, managing director of the company in Singapore.

Chinese officials, who still resent the role played by Jardine in helping persuade Britain to fight China in the Opi-um War of 1840-41, which resulted in China ceding Hong Kong to Britain, have described the delisting as "extremely irresponsible."

Chinese officials were also furious when the group changed its legal domicile to Bermuda in 1984 to protect itself from a possible Chinese takeover after

Beijing recently opposed Jardine's participation in a container port project valued at \$1.6 billion in Hong Kong, apparently because of its perceived support for democratic reforms in the colony that China bitterly opposes.

In the six months to June, the group — which has major interests in trading, property and financial services - reported a 24 percent rise in net profit to \$216 million on sales of nearly \$4.5 billion.

Hong Kong and China account for about 60 percent of group earnings and Southeast Asia 15 percent.

In the past 18 months, Jardine has taken several steps to increase its presence in Singapore, which Mr. Boon described as "a development base" for the group in Southeast Asia.

Dairy Farm Ltd., which is 52 percentowned by Jardine, bought the retail operations of Cold Storage Ltd. for just over \$82 million.

It purchased a 24 percent stake in Cycle & Carriage Ltd., which has its core businesses in motor-vehicle sales, prop-

erty and food retailing, for \$226 million. This year, Jardine Pacific, the group's trading arm, teamed up with GE Capital of the United States to acquire a 64 percent interest in Associated Merchant Bank with the aim of developing it into one of the leading installment financiers for vehicles and commercial equipment

in Singapore.

Cycle & Carriage owns the remaining
36 percent of the bank.

Cold Storage in Malaysia, a unit of Cycle & Carriage, is setting up a joint venture with Dairy Farm to own and operate Cold Storage's supermarkets and expand the food retailing businesses

Jardine's interest in Southeast Asia "reflects the rapid economic expansion of the region and its potential for future said John Engle, research director at Smith Barney Shearson HG Asia in Singapore.

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#### Very briefly:

 General Motors Corp.'s automotive components group is preparing to build a car parts production base in China, the official Xinhua news agency said.

• Taiwan said investment applications from abroad in the first three quarters of 1994 totaled \$1.08 billion, up 27 percent from the year-earlier period.

 Amalgamated Steel Mills Bhd. said it would raise 563 million ringgit (\$219 million) through a series of share issues. Shanghai's trade volume surged to \$11.03 billion in the first nine

months of 1994, up 25 percent from the like period a year earlier. Fletcher Challenge Ltd. said it would assume management control of the Datong steelworks west of Beijing and would take a 58 percent interest in a joint venture that will own the plant. It said it would invest \$25 million.

inflation low," Rory Robertson of Bankers Trust Australia Ltd. said. • Jardine Fleming Holdings Ltd. has appointed Timothy F. Mc-Carthy, formerly of Fidelity Investments, as chief executive of its But Employment Minister Simon unit trusts business. Bloomberg, AFX, HIT

#### Crean said the economy was in no dan-He said Australia was experiencing "strong economic growth, low inflation; but most of all the strong economic Bapindo Directors Replaced

JAKARTA - Finance Minister Mar'ie Muhammad replaced all the directors of state-run Bank Pembangunan Indonesia on, Thursday, a Bapindo spokesman said. The shift came right before the expected arrival of specialists from Standard Chartered PLC. who are to help Bapindo improve its operations.

According to the Finance Ministry, Bapindo and Standard Chartered are to sign an accord for technical assistance on Friday. The assistance is expected to increase Bapindo's credibility after it: was hit by a \$430 million fraud scandal in February in which a business loan was allegedly diverted for personal use by the borrower. Mr. Mar'ie said the British bank would will help set up! a prudent banking system and improve information systems and internal controls at Bapindo.

# Strong Australian Jobs Data Spur Inflation Fears

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SYDNEY - Australian bonds tumbled to their lowest levels in more than two-and-a-half years Thursday on concerns that record-high employment figures would prompt the central bank to raise rates to rein in inflation.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year government bond rose to 10.34 percent from 10.20 percent on Wednesday as the price fell to 91.87 from 92.68.

Australian employment leapt by 75,700 jobs in September, to 8.01 million - the highest number of jobs ever recorded by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The figure was much higher than analysts expected.

Unemployment remained unchanged at a three-year low of 9.5 percent in

Economists said such strong growth smacked of rising inflation, which

ties such as bonds.

Bruce Hockman of Bain & Co. said strong employment "certainly makes the case for a credit tightening."

Mr. Hockman said the Reserve Bank of Australia most likely would raise the benchmark short-term rate by 0.75 percentage point, to 6.25 percent, by early November. He added that a rate rise of one percentage point was also possible before the bank meets on Nov. 1.

The Reserve Bank also caused inflation concerns with a report showing that housing lending rose 24 percent in the year to August.

Brad Holland of J. P. Morgan Australia Ltd. said: "The central message here is that with the economy growing so strongly, the current monetary policy

The central bank raised rates for the

erodes the value of fixed-interest securi- first time since 1989 in August to 5.50 percent.

Prime Minister Paul Keating described the data as a cause for "substantial rejoicing" and said Australia's job picture had not been so rosy since the 1980s, when economic growth grew at a brisk annual rate of five percent.

Stocks fell only slightly, withthe All Ordinaries Index dropping 0.18 percent. to 1,998.90, as investors waited for two key reports on U.S. prices to be released after Australian markets closed on Thursday and Friday.

Analysts said the central bank and the overnment had little choice but to raise interest rates to curb inflation as economic growth begins propping up wages and causing higher consumer prices. "If it turns out that there's no rate rise

forthcoming then the market will be a little anxious about their ability to keep (Bloomberg, Reuters)

In New Zealand, meanwhile, bond

prices fell on worries about inflation

data to be released on Friday. The yield

on the benchmark 10-year bond rose to

growth is translating into jobs.

9.09 percent from 8.98 percent.

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# Taiwan-China Trade Puts Politics in the Background

By Jay Mathews Washington Post Service

NEW YORK —As Benny T. NEW YORK—Is seeding Hu lives his busy life seeding the Chinese mainland with Taiwanese enterprise — a chemical series of the ment about new political malice between China and Taiwan.

Mr. Hu said that trade between Thailand and mainland China has never been better. Along with Lynch & Mayer Inc.,

firm, he is about to close a deal to create the \$250 million Asia in Malaysia, Indonesia and Viet-Shanghai Trust & investment in lending their money and exchina was \$14 billion in 1993. Corporate Partners Fund with the help of the People's Construction Bank in Shanghai.

Politically, the People's Republic of China is "trying to isolate Taiwan, but that is a different group of bureaucrats," said Mr. Hu. 45, president of Taiwan-based China Development

Mr. Hu's corporation, created in 1959, was determined to do in a New York investment advisory China what it was already doing

neurs setting up small companies in those countries and lend

them money to expand. Many of these entrepreneurs. drawn by family and linguistic ties, have set up enterprises on the mainland, but their opportunities for growth have been limited by small bank accounts and occasional Chinese government obstacles.

Four years ago. Mr. Hu began visiting with officials at

Construction Bank.

When the talks became senous about an investment fund full of Taiwanese and U.S. money with the Chinese as official advisers, officials of the People's Construction Bank called Mr. Hu in and said they. not the subsidiary, would do the deal. "I had no problems with

Mr. Hu said. Lynch & Mayer looked for pertise to Taiwanese ventures in and Mr. Hu and Mr. Winokur electronics, chemicals and food said it was growing and unlikely

production on the mainland. Lynch & Mayer and China Development Corp. committed governments. \$250 million to investments in Asia over 10 years, with half of that focused on China.

Hugh R. Winokur, the chief executive of Lynch & Mayer Asia Inc., said the company's approach is to "work alongside Taiwan Strait. corporate partners, looking for a support mechanism."

Mr. Hu's firm is now the larg-Taiwan and has a market value

to be stopped by even a major diplomatic tiff between two

Mr. Hu can still remember when trade between his country and China was expressly for-

bidden by both governments. It grew all the same, sometimes by boat at night over the

"The relations on the economic side were always quite good, no matter what was going on." he said. "It has such mocan stop it."

## Murdoch Children to Own All Shares in News Corp.

SYDNEY - Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corp. has arranged for his four children to own all the extended family's shares in the global media giant, the magazine Business Review Weekly said.

Mr. Murdoch also said he was not interested in owning the rival media group John Fairfax Holdings Ltd., the company in which News Corp. said in July it had acquired a small stake.

In an interview to be published Friday, Mr. Murdoch. 63, said he had seen the said he had seen t said he had set in motion plans for his children to acquire the

40 percent of Cruden Investments Pty. held by his sisters, Mr. Murdoch's immediate family owns about 60 percent of Cruden, the closely held investment company that the Murdoch family has used to control its media interests. Cruden owns about 32 percent of News Corp. "The arrangement is confidential, but it will lead to my children's trusts eventually

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#### est private development bank in having 100 percent of Cruden Investments," the magazine mentum, no force in this world quoted Mr. Murdoch as saying. of more than \$4 billion.

FISHING: A Little Search Along the Bottom Can Make a Lot of Sense

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investor cannot possibly know what course the Sallie Mae story will take. The questions instead are: Is there a decent case for optimism? And has the stock been beaten down so far that it is unlikely to go much lower?

The Value Line stock guide reflects the conventional market wisdom when it concludes. "Until Sallie Mae's future becomes more clear, we favor being on the sidelines."

Still, some analysts, including J. Richard Fredericks of Montgomery Securities and Samuel Liss of CS First Boston Group Inc., recommend that clients buy the stock.

Sallie Mae could well be have recently suffered signifi- that has dropped 60 percent in a worth fishing off the bottom. cant price declines." Among the year.

Like Philip Morris, it is a strong company that pays a good divi-dend. It is risky, but the market

may well have overreacted. It is also comforting to know that some excellent mutual funds own the stock, including Yacktman, MainStay Value, Investment Co. of America and

Nicholas. In general, though, mutual funds want nothing to do with stocks that have been tainted by

ig declines. the fund's managers look for two years, and Continental "once-successful stocks that Corp., an insurance company

holdings: International Business Machines Corp., Navistar Inter-national Corp., Nike Inc. and Delta Air Lines Inc. The fund's average annual return for the past five years is 14 percent.

Other funds simply search for undervalued or out-of-favor stocks and provide a comfortable alternative to the extremes

of bottom-fishing. One with a strong record is that some fish richly franklin Balance Sheet Invest-dwell on the bottom. ment, whose manager buys only One fund that comes close to stocks that trade below their the piscatorial ideal is Crabbe book value, or net worth per Huson Equity — this reporter share. Top holdings include owns some of its shares. Morn- Kmart Corp., whose price has ingstar, the research service, said fallen by nearly half in the past

decades ago, as Samuel Mitch-ell and Christopher Niemczewski of Marshfield Associates, a money-management firm, said in a letter to clients. In other words, bear in mind that some fish richly deserve to

But beware of the risks. Avon

Products Inc., Eastman Kodak Co. and Xerox Corp. are only a

few of the stocks that have nev-

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# SPORTS

# Unbeaten Chargers and Unknown Coach Are No Flukes Moldova Steals

By Thomas George New York Times Service

SAN DIEGO - This is what you need to know about Bobby Ross:

He is in his third season as the coach of the National Football League's San Diego Chargers. He is driving to Jack Murphy Stadium for a game. He gets to the entrance of the parking lot, and an attendant asks him to pay \$5 for the parking fee. The attendant does not know who Ross is. Ross doesn't want to make a fuss. He pays.

It happened twice this season, once at a preseason game against the Los Angeles Rams and again in a regular-season game against Cincinnati. Both times Ross simply paid, kept driving and went to work. This is what you need to know about the

As the NFL's lone unbeaten team with five straight victories, they are not a fluke. They are the real deal.

They have a quarterback, Stan Humphries, who was not quite good enough in Washington with the Redskins but has been superb since being traded to the Chargers in 1992.

The Chargers are 22-7 with Humphries as the starter. He is now the American Football Conference's top-rated passer.

They have Leslie O'Neal at defensive

the Chargers' career sack leader with 84. They have Junior Seau, possibly the game's most complete linebacker and as

emotional a player as he is dominating. They have Natrone Means, a bully of a running back. He looks more like the guy who rolls out the tarp than a prize back. He is round and short and heavy, but he is tough and quick, and a clutch performer. They have Ronnie Harmon, the best

caught more passes in the past two seasons than any other back. He has 15 receptions this season; 12 have been for first downs. They have John Carney. He is 10 of 11

on field-goal kicks, including a game-winner against the Raiders with two seconds left.

They have their best start since the '61 Chargers went 11-0. They have beaten each divisional opponent once and have a two-game lead in the AFC West. The Chargers have a lot.

They have Leslie O'Neal at defensive end, as intelligent as he is ferocious. He is coach, and Beathard, the general manager - and they look very much like the old Redskin teams that Beathard primarily built: strong running game, strong kicking game, swift defense, power ball, big plays, few turnovers and even fewer penalties.

Ross has been here for three seasons. Beathard for five. The Chargers were 4-12 the season before Ross arrived in '92. In his first season they lost their first 4, then won 10 of 11 and claimed the AFC West third-down back in the league. He has crown. Last season they were 8-8. Only two players remain from Beathard's first season: O'Neal and safety Courtney Hall.

Ross, 57, has been married to his wife, Alice, for 35 years, with five children and five grandchildren, and has been a football coach for 29 years, with head coaching jobs at the Citadel, Maryland and Georgia Tech.

"When I was at Maryland and he was at not going to drive the ball and stuff it in Washington, I didn't really know him that there every week against every opponent. well," Ross said of Beathard, "But I always respected him. I had close friends on the Redskin staff who thought the world of

"When he called me in Hawaii, we were getting ready for a bowl game, a big game for Georgia Tech. I talked it over with my wife. The kids were grown. We said, 'What the heck. The time is right. Let's try it."

Ross will tell you 15 times that he's not that smart, but in reality he is in touch with what works and what does not in the NFL.

He lets his coaches coach. Bill Arnsparger runs the defense, and Ralph Friedgen runs the offense. His football axiom remains "You have to be able to run the bali." But he has been adaptable to change.

"We had Marion Butts when I first got here and Rod Bernstine, and heck, we could run the ball, always have." Ross said. "But the one thing I learned in the

You've got to stretch the field.

The Chargers play at New Orleans on Sunday, and the Saints are struggling with a 2-4 record. The challenge for Ross is to keep his team focused, and the Saints are a perfect match to do just that.

Last season, New Orleans began 5-0 and finished 8-8. Ross will milk that message for all it is worth to his players this week. To a man, they respect Ross. They respect him because he is true.

"The only thing I know how to do is work hard," Ross said. "You have to do things right on the practice field, and when they're not right you have to do them over again. I enjoy game day. I love the competition. Players want to be dealt with honestly. You have to be up front with them. You have to be up front with all people. I am what I am."

So far this season this is what he and his NFL is you have to have big plays. You are team are: ahead of the entire pack.

# Europe's Show Matcl

Defending champion Denmark scored a convincing 3-1 victory over its toughest rival, Belgium, and Switzerland was equally impressive in defeating Sweden, 4-2, but it was unheralded Moldova that captured the big headlines in Europe.

On a night when 34 nations were involved in qualifying play for the 1996 En-ropean Championship, Moldova scored a 3-2 upset over Wales at Chisinau on Wednesday evening.

The loss dealt a blow to Wales' hopes of finishing at least second in Group 7 behind favored Germany and boosted the fortunes of Bulgaria, which beat Georgia, 2-0, with both goals coming from Emil Kosta-dinov off passes from balding World Cup hero Yordan Letchkov.

Although the Welsh played without injured stars Ian Rush, Ryan Giggs, Mark Hughes and Dean Saunders, they appeared en route to a 2-2 tie until Valeri Pogorelov scored the winner for Moldova in the 79th minute.

There were no upsets in the three major encounters of the night. In Copenhagen, the Danes fell behind, 1-0, when Marc DeGryse scored for Belgium, but goals by 1992 European Championship stars Kim Vilfort and John Jensen erased that advantage. Mark Strudhal scored Denmark's third goal late in the game.

In Oslo, the Netherlands and Norway played to a 1-1 tie. The Norwegians yielded a first-half goal to Dutch winger Bryan Roy but regrouped to salvage a tie on Kjenil Rekdal's shot in the 52d minute. Sweden, which finished a strong third in World Cup '94, was taken apart in Berne. It was Switzerland's third consecutive vic-

tory over the Swedes. The game was barely five minutes old when Kennet Andersson put Sweden ahead, and the Swiss had to wait half an hour before getting back on level terms on

Christophe Ohrel's goal. The Swedes regained the lead in the 61st minute on Martin Dahlin's shot, only to give it up again minutes later on Jesper Blomqvist's goal Ciri Sforza scored the game-winner in the 81st minute and Kubi-

lay Turkyilmaz got Switzerland's fourth.

Greece, on the rebound after a disastrous World Cup campaign, scored another impressive victory under its new coach, Costas Polyhroniou. The 4-0 drubbing of Finland in Salonika followed a 5-1 victory aeroe Islands in September and left the Greeks in first place in over the Faeroe Islands in September and

"This is a new team formed after the World Cup," Polyhronion said. "They play fast and simple, and this is the secret to success."

Scotland kept pace by trouncing the Facroca, 5-1, at

The Scots were ahead, 3-0, at the half, thanks to goals from John McGinlay, Scott Booth and John Collins. Billy McGinlay made it 4-0 in the 61st minute and Collins got his second goal 11 minutes later.

There were fireworks at Valletta, where tiny Malta stole a point off the Czech Republic, the team that had beaten it, 6-1, at Ostrava last month. This time, the Maltese defense held firm and, even though Czech striker Jan Suchoparek hit the post with a penalty kick, Malta deserved its scoreless tie.

NO TAKE THEIR

WORD FOR IT.

## South Korea Is Stunned By Uzbekistan in Soccer

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HIROSHIMA, Japan — Bad shooting, bad luck and worse goalkeeping knocked favored South Korea out of gold medal contention at the Asian Games soccer tournament Thursday.

The three-time Asian Games champions lost, 1-0, to Uzbeki- a series of statements. stan, which plays China in Sunday's final.

South Korea boomed 27 shots over the goal, off the bar, off defenders, off goalkeeper Yuri Sheikin's chest, off his legs and off his arms. The ball went everywhere except into the net as the match was played almost exclusively in Uzbekistan's half. But in the 64th minute, Aza-

mat Abduraimov took a weak shot from 40 meters that dipped and rolled under the hands of the South Korean goalkeeper, Cha Sang Kwang.

It was only the third time that half that the ball had been in the South Korean end of the

field. The other two times were

Off the playing fields, six more athletes were reported missing bringing the total to 15. The latest were three Bangladeshis, an Iranian, a Nepali and

clearing kicks by Sheikin.

a Sri Lankan, organizers said in They said the heads of all delegations would be called to an emergency meeting Friday

ther disappearances. A similar meeting was held Tuesday after nine athletes disappeared. Before the latest reports, police already were searching for four Sri Lankans, three Nepa-

to discuss ways to prevent fur-

None of those missing has been identified, and officials have refused to speculate on reasons for their disappearance. But many Asians sneak into Japan or overstay their visas to seek higher-paying jobs than are

lese and two Pakistanis.

(Reuters, AP)



Ma Junren (third from left), China's controversial track coach, went shopping Thursday in Hiroshima with three of his runners, Zhang Linli (far left), Wang Junxia and Qu Yunxia (right). Ma, who had said the day before that 11 of his runners had had appendectomies, added to that puzzling announcement by saying that all the op-erations had been carried out on the same day. "They had the operations this year in July. They had them all done at the same time," Ma said. He again sidestepped questions about the reason for the surgery, saying only: "If there's a problem, you take it

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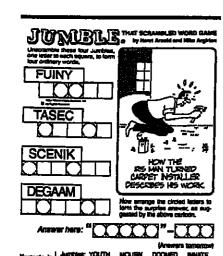
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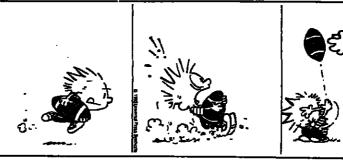
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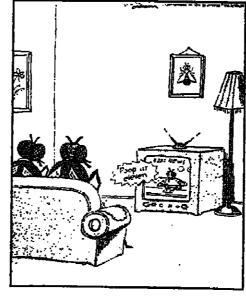
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# Moldova Ster Sport In Match World Play Opener Singh, Montgomerie and Faxon Also Advance The Associated Press par 63 over the first 18 holes. "I said month and a half. I'm driving month and a half. I'm driving

Western Wind and the Arguvenated, and nearly unbeatable, Sweet painful defeats Thursday when he trounced David Frost in the World Match Play

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year, carded 13 birdies and snot po-gey-free golf to beat the sixth-seeded South African, 8 and 7.

"I didn't have a bad day today," said Frost, who was 5-under when practile and the same of the match ended at the 29th hole. "I see that the match ended at the 29th hole." I see that the match ended at the 29th hole. "I see that the match ended at the 29th hole." I see that the match ended at the 29th hole. "I see that the match ended at the 29th hole." I see that the match ended at the 29th hole. "I see that the match ended at the 29th hole." I see that the match ended at the 29th hole. "I see that the match ended at the 29th hole." I see that the match ended at the 29th hole. "I see that the match ended at the 29th hole." I see that the match ended at the 29th hole. "I see that the match ended at the 29th hole."

simply ran into a brick wall, and the wall wasn't going to move."

"He just didn't make any mistakes," Frost added.

Ballesteros, bidding for a record sixth world match play title, called it his best performance in his 19 appearances at the tournament.

"I wasn't thinking about the result last year. I was just trying to win."

par 63 over the first 18 holes. "I said "That's been the difference the last yesterday it would take something month and a half. I'm driving well. special to beat him. That 63 was something special."

In other first-round matches, when he trounced David Frost in the Jesper Parnevik blew a 3-hole lead to lose to Vijay Singh, 4 and 3; Colin Montgomerie beat Yoshinori Mizu-maki, 2 and 1, and Brad Faxon de-feated Ian Woosnam by one hole.

For Ballesteros, last year's loss to Frost was the low point in a season in which he failed to win a tournament for the first time since 1975.

The 37-year-old Spaniard has since rebounded with two victories on this year's European PGA Tour, one in the German Masters two weeks ago, and is now second on the European money list. He was invited hole. back to the World Match Play after

John Daly withdrew from the 12-man field. "Once you hit the fairway the game becomes a lot easier," said Ballesteros, who was overwhelming-

I'm hitting the ball a lot farther than last year. Last year I was hitting the

ball with the shaft." Ballesteros could do little wrong against Frost. A 24-foot (7.3-meter) putt to win the third hole was the first of five consecutive birdies. At

hitting a 1-iron tee shot that landed behind a tree at the par-4, 399-yard 25th hole. A wedge back to the middle of the fairway, followed by a 9iron approach and an 18-foot putt allowed the Spaniard to halve the

game becomes a lot easier," said
Ballesteros, who was overwhelmingly the crowd favorite Thursday despite the presence of two Britons.

Singh will play the defending champion and No. 1 seed, Corey
Pavin, while Faxon draws No. 2
seeded José Maria Olazábal. Mont-

the 18th, Ballesteros chipped from just off the green to within one foot of the hole. He even managed to save par after

Ballesteros will play No. 3-seeded Ernie Els, one of four golfers with a first-round bye, in Friday's second



Seve Ballesteros, blasting out of a bunker, "just didn't make any mistakes," David Frost said after losing by the score of 8 and 7.

fourth-seeded Nick Faldo. Perfect conditions on the West Course at Wentworth made for low nine birdies over 14 holes starting at scores in every first-day match, ai- the 10th, dropping two 45-foot putts though stroke totals are often mis- on the way to a comfortable victory. leading in match play because many

putts are conceded. Still, anything short of a birdie often resulted in the

The No. 5 seeded Montgomerie, who beat Mizumaki at the 37th holein the first round last year, found himself in another see-saw battle

loss of a hole.

Parnevik, the runner-up at this year's British Open, began his Went
himself in another see-s with the Japanese golfer.

Montgomerie went 1 up

worth debut by winning the first two

holes against the eighth-seeded Singh. The Fijian responded with

foot birdie putt at the 31st, then won the match at the 35th when Mizumaki, who is 103 places below the Scot in the world rankings, missed from the same distance for par.

In the only match to go the full 36 and halve the final hole to win the holes, Faxon took a 2-hole lead over match. Woosnam when the seventh-seeded Welshman hit back-to-back 3-irons out of bounds at the 17th and Montgomerie went 1 up with a 12- promptly conceded the hole.

the second 18. Leading by three with three to play, Faxon failed to win it at the 34th when he missed a 4-foot putt for par, but he emerged from a bunker to sink a 7-foot birdie putt

"I missed a short putt on 16, then tried to give it away on 17," Faxon said. "Choked like a big dog."

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Cut Back Season NEW YORK - The Nation-

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the week" regarding possible schedule revision. reached its 13th day Thursday, having surpassed the 10-day et ampus sand and american strike in April 1992 as the long-

Control is the est in hockey history. No new negotiations have been set up, and both the league and NHL Players Association have now warned of a long and

Harry Sinden, general manager of the Boston Bruins, said, "I don't see any other word for it than a lockout."

In the major league baseball strike, the sides had tentatively been scheduled to resume talks. but put off their session until next week at the earliest.

MADRID - Three years ago, Mike

Smith and his teammates on the Spanish

club Joventut Badalona came within two

points of beating Magic Johnson and the Los Angeles Lakers at the McDonald's

It would have been a historic upset,

Smith gets a second chance on Oct. 20,

when the Golden State Warriors play Jo-

ventut, the European club champion, at the Olympic Pavilion in Badalona, a Bar-

celona suburb. That is the arena where the

U.S. national team dominated the world at

"Maybe it could happen. I'd still like to be part of history," said Smith, a 31-year-old native of Brooklyn. "It would be an

upset, a long shot, but that's O.K. with me. This is mostly entertainment, fun for the

fans - but we'll be out to win and get a

The pre-season game is one of three in

since no National Basketball Association

team has ever lost to a foreign club.

# Lockout Reaches to Europe

STOCKHOLM — Many of

But they probably can forget about doing so unless the NHL shuts down for the season. While the NHL Players As-

should be able to play anywhere they want, the league faxed the president of the Swedish league, Tommy Topel, in early October to outline its position.

"The players may not play in Sweden during the postpone-ment," said the fax, signed by Brian Burke, the director of hockey operations. "Any player who attempts to play during the his NHL club to cancel the con- not like it." tract, as well as to pursue any and all other available reme-

Tuesday's announcement that league owners had rejected the players' latest proposal for a

Looking for a Piece of Basketball History in Spain

Europe — and one of an NBA record 11 outside the United States this fall.

nets Oct. 18 in Paris, then travel south for

the Badalona game. The European tour concludes Oct. 21 when Charlotte visits the

defending Italian league champion Buck-

While those two NBA clubs are busy in

season games in Puerto Rico, Mexico

Europe, nine other NBA teams will play

and Canada. The NBA regular season opener will be on Nov. 5 in Yokohama,

Japan, between the Los Angeles Clippers

Ray Lalonde, the NBA's European pokesman, said the 1995 McDonald's

pen — held every two years — would

feature for the first time the NBA champi-

on against an unspecified number of na-

tional club champions. He said Britain was the likely site, with Spain also possible. Smith, a 6-foot-5 (1.96-meter) forward,

knows Joventut is no match on paper for Don Nelson's Warriors, the NBA's most

and Portland Trailblazers, who play a sec-

ond game there the next day.

The Warriors play the Charlotte Hor-

new labor contract is not likely to change anything.

the National Hockey League have returned home during the lockout to ask about playing for local teams.

"I'm still waiting for an official statement from the NHL,"
Topel said. He added: "We have to listen to the NHI fire! because we have an agreement."

The NHL and the International Ice Hockey Federation. to which Sweden belongs. signed a three-year agreement sociation has said its members on Sept. 16. The agreement includes player transfers. Even if some players decide

to play in Sweden, it could be land. expensive for the clubs to pay insurance money.

"I don't think they would play for free," Topel said. Sure, it would be fun to see [NHL stars] in Sweden, but there's also a negative side. It could be unfair to players who postponement will be in breach are under contract with Swed-

returned home is the Olympic star Peter Forsberg, who signed a \$5 million contract with the Quebec Nordiques. "I would like to play for my team MoDo," he said. "If they

want me.' Urpo Hilkovaara, head of the Finnish Hockey League, said

Wednesday night his league would show its solidarity with the NHL and not allow Finnish NHL players to play in Fin-There are seven Finns in the

NHL, among them Winnipeg's Teemu Selanne, who was the league's top rookie in 1993. None of the Finnish players has returned to Finland so far

into the lockout. The NHL-11HF agreement was signed in Helsinki during a of his NHL contract, entitling ish teams. The sponsors may preseason tournament last

improved team last season, whose lineup

includes the rookie of the year, Chris Webber, and Chris Mullin and Tim Hardaway.

The Spanish club, led by Smith and the Spanish internationals Jordi Villacampa

and Rafael Jofresa, has started sluggishly

"We're the defending European cham-

pions and there's pressure on us - but it

also should give us more motivation," Smith said. "So far, the motivation seems

to be working for the other teams."
Smith, a star at the University of South

Carolina at Spartanburg, is in his seventh

season in Spain, where he has staked out a

career and started a family. He and his

Spanish wife, Claudia Garcia, have a 2-

year-old daughter. Smith has dual U.S.-

Spanish nationality, an apartment in Bar-

celona and a house in Miami, where he

said his family plans to settle after four or

career in the NBA," Smith said. "But I did reach a second dream, playing in Europe and winning the championship here."

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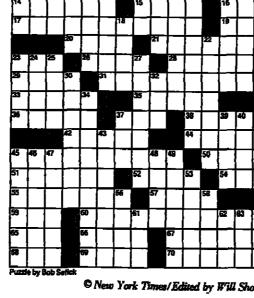
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By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Many persons have begged me to reveal the secret of how to write a newspaper column, and I now do so gladly, for -

Which brings us to Rule One: When a sentence threatens to get out of hand always cut it off. preferably with some unusual punctuation mark like a dash or something exciting like !!!!

Today's reader is too busy to read long sentences. Or long paragraphs either.

Keep paragraphs — --- short!

Which brings us to Rule Two: Avoid cute attempts to satirize yourself by creating new words like "heighth" simply because you have written lisp words like "girth" and "depth."

Next: Before writing a column select a subject. This complex process should begin first thing in the morning. Simply stare into the bathroom mirror and say, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, can you give me any col-umn idea at all?"

It won't. Mirrors never do, no matter what you've read. So, on to the next step: Ask family members and office colleagues, "What would you like to read a nice column about?"

Their feeble, unimaginative responses will give you fresh selfconfidence that you alone, in all of humanity's multitudinous numerosity, are qualified to per-form this difficult task of dilating on brilliant and fresh insights into the human predicament.

Thus heartened, sit at the typewriter or word processor and put the fundamental ques-tion silently to yourself: "What do I want to write a nice column

We begin by deciding what subjects NOT to write about. Today for instance, I decided not to write about the latest sex study, O. J. Simpson, Congress'

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Maybe the Butler Did It collapse, Kennedys, Clintons, abortion, feminism, cigarette smoke, interest rates. Wall Street, sports corruption, the evils of drugs, the evils of televi-sion, the failure of American education, dangerous driving on the New Jersey Turnpike

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The reasons for discarding these subjects were:

(I) Ignorance of subject so substantial as to be disgraceful; (2) Suspicion that readers are already too bored with subject to

read beyond first paragraph; or, (3) Fear that other, shrewder, wittier, more brilliant columnists will also write about same subject today, subjecting me to humiliating comparison.

Eighty-seven other subjects were discarded for one or all of the same reasons, and -

The subject I finally decided to write about was: "Whose fault is it?" The idea was simplicity itself. Who is to blame for this terrible situation we read about and hear about and

feel surrounded by every day? This is the question all America wants answered: "Whose fault is it?" Quickly I began compiling a list. It was easy work. Everybody is constantly telling us whose fault it is.
I wrote down "Rush Lim-

baugh, liberals, Hillary Clinton. Bob Dole, Newt Gingrich, the Pope, Saddam Hussein, the Colombian drug cartels, the media, Islamic fundamentalists, the Christian right, Speaker Tom Foley, Hollywood, the En-

Then, stopped. A column has to express an opinion. Yet I wasn't sure it was the fault of any of these people, places or things. Come to think of it, in the fault department I am sure of only one thing. The baseball strike is the owners' fault. At this stage the trick is to

start another column. New York Times Service

# Percy Sledge: A Morality Tale and a 28-Year Roll

By Mike Zwerin nai Herald Tribune

PARIS — A member of some grunge band said that he was amazed how far you can get in the grunge business just by showing up on time. And it is a well-known show-biz axiom that if you play your cards right, one hit song can be enough for a lifetime. It was "Flamingo" for Herb Jeffries, Tony Bennett is still riding "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," and Percy

Sledge has "When a Man Loves a Woman." Sledge is reliable, friendly and good at what he does and he played his cards right. Sort of. The moral of this story is that morality can pay off. It is also that old cliche in action - the glass is half full not half empty. As a matter of fact, overflowing it is if you think it is.

In 1966, he was a 26-year-old male nurse employed in what is now the Helen Keller Memorial hospital in Tuscum-

bia, Alabama. On weekends he sang Beatles and Otis Redding numbers with a band called The Esquires, which toured the Deep South for \$18 a night (they paid their own

gas).
"When a Man . . ." was cut the first time Sledge was in a recording studio, in Muscle

Shoals, a sleepy town lost in the middle of nowhere in Alabama. Sledge's producer Quin Ivy shipped a test pressing to the Atlantic Records office of Jerry Wexler in New York. As a reporter for Billboard magazine, Wexler named the down-home style he would later be instrumental in building "rhythm and blues." (He has apologized for not having thought up something better.) He listened to the acetate of a singer he had never heard of and immediately called his partner Ahmet Ertegun, who was in Turkey. "Ahmet," he said, "a fantastic master just flew in over the transom. Our billing for the

whole summer is in the bag."

For Sledge it turned out to be the beginning of a 28-year roll (he's 54 and it's still rolling). According to his Virgin Records bio, "'When a went to number one on all the charts of the world, without exception." He calls it "my meal ticket and my passport to gigs all over the world." The hit launched him into the R & B big leagues along with Wilson Pickett, Sam Cooke and Solomon Burke.

"When a Man . . ." was on the sound tracks of "Platoon," "The Blues Brothers" and "The Commitments," a movie about an Irish trumpeter who is given a mission by God to bring rhythm and blues to Dublin. He rounds up an unlikely assortment of dreamers and losers.

The pianist, also the organist in a local church, confesses to the priest that he has been playing "the devil's music," citing "When a Man Loves a Woman" as an example. Hoping for a shot of redemption, the kid cannot believe his ears. "Not Marvin Gaye," the priest whispers from the other side of the confessional. "Percy Sledge, my sor." The picture was a big hit. (Sledge has not seen it.) The inside joke kept the legendary name in the air.

In 1992, the blue-eyed soul singer Michael Bolton sold something like four million copies covering "When a Man . . . He forgot to thank Sledge in the course of accepting a Grammy for it. And, in his liner notes, Wexler writes. "Percy was somehow left out when the residues of ownership were being spooned out." Why is this man smiling?

His whole face disappears into his smile, which remains as he tells of fortune lost. Sledge said he gave composer royalties to two of The Esquires, because "without their two chords, the song would never have existed. We wrote it together. I was making so much money gig-ging and I had the performing

rights coming in. Quin Ivy

kept the composer's royalties in escrow, there must have been a couple hundred thousand dollars in there. Finally I told him to just give it to them. I didn't know squat about business things. I guess I should have listened to Quin. He warned me: 'Percy, you're giving away a fortune. I just thought it was the right thing to do."

Jerry Wexler calls Philippe Le Bras "a funky Frenchman with an intractable case of the Boogie Disease." Sledge's new album "Blue Night" is being released in Western Europe this month on Le Bras's Virgin sub-label Sky Ranch Records. Coming from a culture that uses rationality and an overdose of meetings to delay the decision-making process. Le Bras's "let's do it"

philosophy is exceptional.

In 1992, when Sledge heard Le Bras's tape demonstrating a rich choice of old and new soul songs, he knew right away that "this was the next project for Percy Sledge." Over the years he had been offered plenty of them, but he could not find a body of material he liked enough to commit on. He's a performer and a crooner of ballads ("I don't try to work as hard as James Brown any more"), not really a songwriter. Choosing material is not his thing. He had depended on Ivy and Wexler ("they're family") to pick material. After they retired he was a bit lost. In the album notes, Wexler calls



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"Blue Night" Sledge's "first really new album since the 1970s; yet another glaring example of the music business's endemic myopia.'

Sledge thinks "Percy," an album he cut in the interim that was never released because the backers went bankrupt, would have been a "monster hit." As it was, copies somehow leaked into the Republic of South Africa. It was a big hit down there, he was invited to tour. Asked about the cultural blockade in force at the time, he said: "I didn't like what was going on down there but, hey man, I sing songs for people not politicians." He put together a racially integrated local band ("sort of like Paul Simon did later.

they sure got good musicians down there").

A two-week contract stretched into four months. He toured Swaziland, Lesotho, Zimba-

bwe (then Rhodesia), Mozambique and Zambig. He says "that experience still rings in my beat. There was a lot of love and no trouble. Blacks and whites came together over me."

In retrospect, Sledge finds that even the the spells in his career were not exactly barrens: stayed busy on a circuit of mostly elegant dities and theaters in southern Africa (he went back) three times), northern Europe (big in German and South America (not much in the United States). He earned enough to buy a comfortable home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and had the space to find time to spend with his 12 children and nine grandchildren: "I always try to take summers off to be with the kids when they are out of school. I've always been a family man and I guess you could say I'm still a country boy."

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#### I T is becoming a season of honors for Pete Seeger. The folk musician was one of nine arts figures named by the White House to receive the 1994 National Medal of Arts, the highest official U.S. accolade for an artist. A few weeks ago Seeger was saluted at the Kennedy Center Honors. Also named by the president for the arts medal were: the singer and activist Harry Belafonte, the dancer Gene Kelly, the jazz musician Dave Brubeck, actress Julie Harris, choreographer Erick Hawkins, contralto Celia Cruz, painter Wayne Thiebaud and poet Richard Wilbur.

The Eagles guitarist Glenn Frey has been released from a Los Angeles hospital after an operation. Frey, 45, underwent surgery on Oct. 6 to relieve pain in an inflamed their first concert tour in 14 years.

Lawyers for Loni Anderson have asked for a protective order for her, saying that Burt Reynolds wants to take her deposition in Florida "solely to harass" her. Reynolds's attorneys scheduled a deposition for Anderson in West Palm Beach on Monday on her



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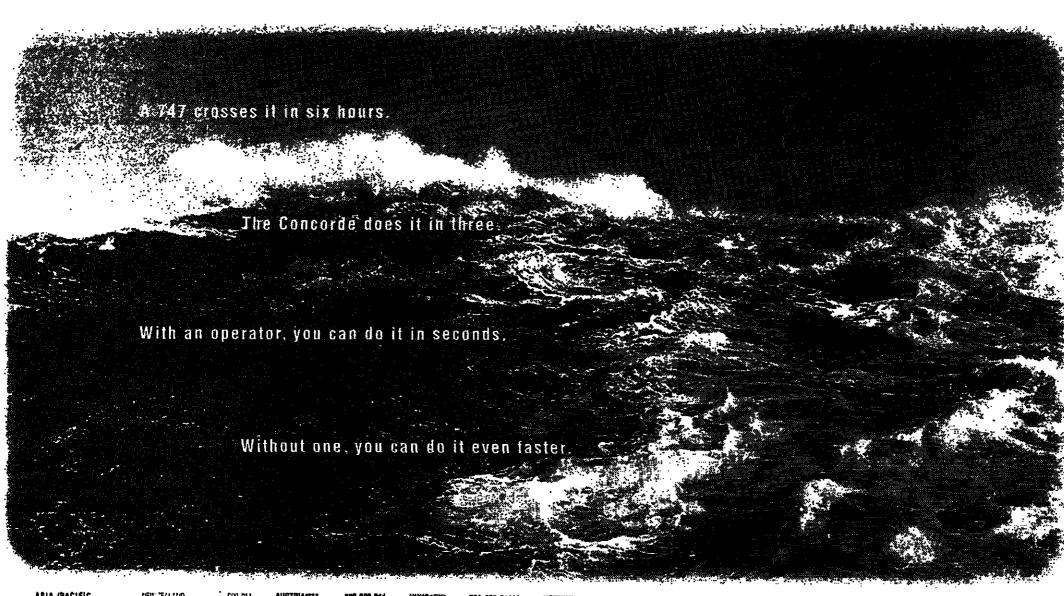
motions to recover \$11,000 in alimony and \$37,000 in personal property from her exhusband. But Anderson, who now lives in California, withdrew the motions last week

and says the deposition is pointless, because

she has no claims pending in Martin County, where the two once shared a home.

Prosecutors in New York are trying to freeze the assets of a man they say stole more than \$3 million from Peter Falk's 90year-old mother, Madeline. They accuse Alfonso P. Cacace of stealing money, bonds, jewelry and furniture from her. In April 1992, Falk put his mother in a pursing home near his home in California because of her failing health, and three months later, without the actor's knowledge, Cacace arranged to have Mrs. Falk discharged and returned to New York, the district attorney's office said. Cacace's lawyer said the allegations were "motivated by resentment" because Cacace "cared for Mrs. Falk in the absence of her family members."

Robert Redford has dropped out of the much-hyped movie "An American President," about a widowed American president who finds his moral compass through the woman he loves. A Redford spokesman told The Washington Post that, when Rob Reiner was brought in as director, he took the script "in a more political direction, and Bob saw it as a romantic comedy.'



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